



*“Red Lane Primary is a good school with outstanding features”  
(Ofsted-March 2014)*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to school. The children have settled in well after the holiday and have been very busy already. They all look very smart in their new uniforms. I know that for many parents this has been a worrying time and the return to school this year may have caused some anxiety for you. I would like to reassure you that we are working very closely with members of the local authority and other schools in order to ensure that we are fully up to date with the situation in Bolton and any developments. We have completed a full risk assessment and this is reviewed regularly.

Following a meeting on Saturday 5th September 2020, Bolton Council in consultation with the government and Public Health England, has taken pro-active action and confirmed additional COVID-19 measures for Bolton, to stop the spread of the virus in the community. These extra precautions are just for Bolton and will help reduce the infection rate. Residents of Bolton are asked:

- to only use public transport for essential purposes, which means travel to education, work, and essential appointments only
- not to mix with other households in any setting indoors or outdoors anywhere

Advice from the Department of Education (DfE) is that Bolton schools should remain open to children and young people to ensure their ongoing educational and wellbeing needs are met. I have included a letter for parents from Dr Helen Lowry, Director from Public Health.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support and compliance with the additional measures being taken such as limits to visitors in the school office and also to the one way system around the KS1 building. These measures are to support the smooth running of the school day and to keep everyone safe. You will begin to see increased signage around school to support these systems. I appreciate at times these measures may cause some inconvenience particularly if you have further to walk and so I once again thank you for your support.

Over the page you will find below a reminder of the arrangements in school at this time. Please telephone the school office or use Class Dojo if you have any queries. Finally please look out for updates in the coming days and weeks about supporting learning at home, our new phonics scheme and our brand new website which is coming very soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R Driver'.

**Mrs Driver**  
**Head of School**

## The School Day

It is important that there are no parents or children gathering together on the playground. To support this, children will be welcomed into school from 8.40am until 8.50am. Children will not line up but will go straight into their classroom. We ask that parents say goodbye to their child before the door and then continue on their way and leave the site. Messages for class teachers can be passed on by telephoning the school office.

At the end of the day we ask parents not to gather on site but arrive only for collection time when your child will be dismissed. Please adhere to social distancing guidance whilst waiting to pick up your child. Parents are not permitted to stay on the playground once their children have been dropped off or picked up. In order to fully comply with social distancing guidelines, teachers will be unavailable to engage in lengthy discussions at drop off and pick up. We politely request that you telephone or email the office to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss any matters with your child's class teacher.

## Key Stage 2 Booster Sessions

As you are aware, the majority of children have missed a term and a half schooling this academic year. Whilst we have supplied home learning over this period, it is vital that children are provided with every opportunity to quickly develop their learning and make rapid progress.

In order to support our pupils to catch up, we will be extending our day on a Wednesday and Thursday until 4.30pm in order to provide additional learning sessions for **all children in Key Stage 2**. Initially this will be for the first half term but will be reviewed. These sessions are in the best interests of the children and we are committed to providing our children with opportunities to be successful learners. **SESSIONS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

## Items that can be brought into school

Please ensure that your child only brings essential items to school as follows:

- Coat
- Water Bottle
- Packed lunch (where relevant)
- Reading book
- PE kit from week 2- to be washed weekly
- Dinner money (online payments preferred but cash can be sent in a named envelope to be sent to class-change will be sent home via class)

## Attendance

The Government has stated that school attendance for Primary pupils is a legal requirement once again from September. I understand that there may be a period of uncertainty for some children who have not attended school for a number of months. I would like to reassure you that we have put measures in place to support such children and their families, ensuring a smooth transition back into school life.

It is our priority to ensure that children attend school every day and on time, particularly in light of how many school days have been missed during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, your child **SHOULD NOT** come into school if they are at all unwell. This is to protect all of our pupils, staff and families. **Parents must contact the school office by 10am to inform us of any absences.**