



# LEIGH ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOVE RESPECT TRUST FRIENDSHIP RESPONSIBILITY PERSEVERANCE RESILIENCE

## FEBRUARY 2021

I just want to say thank you to everyone for being so patient and supportive over the last half term. We feel that we have managed to support most of our families with in-school places or their child's remote learning. We are currently providing FSM parcels and school meals to 170 children, 80% of those entitled to them. We have 145 children of key workers and those identified by the local authority in school. We are providing remote learning to 227 children and between 70-80% of families are taking this up; we have applied for 11 extra phone data packs from the DFE and we have loaned out 30 iPads to families with no devices. Staff are working more hours to manage home learning feedback, providing zoom live lessons and small group interventions, videoing teaching and book reads to post on seesaw, making weekly phone calls, providing pastoral and SEND learning support and all this is so that those at home don't miss out on their learning.

We are all committed to supporting all our families during this time – we imagine it is very difficult for you all especially as some of you are also trying to work from home yourself. We are very grateful to key workers that have chosen to keep their child at home as this is minimising the risk to children and staff in school.

We want to say to you all THANK YOU – we do appreciate all the support you are giving us.



### REMOTE SCHOOLING:



Over the last two weeks we have reviewed our remote learning offer. We are pleased that there is an increasing number of children accessing the live lessons offered. I understand that it isn't always possible to access it due to other family commitments. We have timetabled these to limit the number of clashes across year groups. However, if you are still having issues with any part of remote learning please contact your child's teacher first and then Ms Newton if there are still concerns.

We have had a number of parental concerns when teacher return children work on Seesaw. As in school, it is important to us that your child has high expectation of their work or they are challenged further. In school, the children use an orange pen to do this, which isn't possible on Seesaw. Please don't feel deflated when work comes back. It is about making sure standards are high and that your child is given opportunities to improve or extend their learning. They are very good at managing this in school.

### MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY:

When school reopens after half term, it is only for those that are currently accessing school. The government have confirmed they will map out their intentions for bringing the rest of the children back into school on this date. As soon as this has been confirmed, we will begin to work out how this can be done safely and still manage to provide remote learning for those at home.

### BENEFITS DRIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

If your child accesses benefits driven free school meals there will be no food parcel over half term. The Local Authority will manage the Winter Grant Funding, similar to over Christmas, and you will receive funding this way. If you don't receive your payment please call the LA on 01942 705221

After half term, due to the school kitchen delivery schedule - the food parcels won't be ready for delivery or collection until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**WEBSITE:** <https://leighsaintpeters.wigan.sch.uk/>

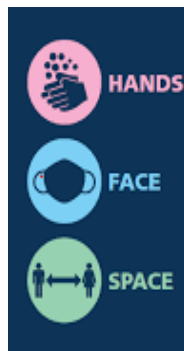
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### FRIENDSHIP:

Our Christian value next half term is FRIENDSHIP.

Godly friendship should be about loving each other, looking out for each other and striving to bring out the best in each other – the same way Christ loves you, looks out for you, and strives to bring out the best in you. (1 Samuel 18: 1-4)



### REMINDERS:

We are still observing a number of parents failing to social distance on drop off and collection. It is really important to minimise the risk to all of us and we follow the government guidelines. Polite reminder - make sure ONLY 1 person per family comes to drop off / collect.

Please remember that our school grounds is a mobile phone and dog free area.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Spring 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
(for those currently in school only)**



**Together with God we challenge minds, recognise talents and build dreams.**