

Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to write to you as a family of schools to outline the issues being faced in Kirkby schools by the changes to the pandemic and also the actions we are all taking collectively to deal with those issues.

Schools received a letter from the leader of Knowsley Council offering guidance to follow.

Locally we are being faced with an increase in positive cases in school and the unfortunate requirement to send cohorts of pupils home. We appreciate the inconvenience this may cause to parents and carers in terms of the short notice of these events and finding child care. We are responding to the advice locally and nationally in dealing with positive cases and the need for affected pupils to self isolate.

Unfortunately the circumstances have affected many of the things we do in school and in particular the activities and celebrations we have during the summer months that make school so special. Some of those activities will still take place but with necessary changes and in line with risk assessments.

We hope you understand the issues we are facing and the actions we have to take as a family of schools. Please see the guidance and changes below.

Face coverings

We ask that all parents and carers wear a mask when visiting the school premises – at the school gate, on the playground or within the building. Please maintain social distancing at all times.

Sports Days

Our schools will continue with the summer tradition of sports days – but unfortunately no parents or carers are allowed to attend.

School Trips

Our schools have been faced with the need to cancel school trips. We are minimising travel and the potential risks these bring in terms of infection.

Transition days

There are no transition day visits to Kirkby High and All Saints. The schools are engaging in alternative arrangements and with some additional activities in September.

Leavers assemblies and Year 6 parties/prom type events

Schools will celebrate the end of the children's time in Year 6 – assembly type events will vary from school to school but unfortunately parents and carers cannot attend.

Year 6 children may have additional celebration activities arranged within their bubble. The children will not mix with others in school during such events. Also there will be no access for parents or carers.

Our schools cannot support the actions of parents and carers in arranging any external Prom style events.

Vaccinations

We would encourage everyone who is eligible to have the vaccinations.

Call 119 or www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

From the 14 Headteachers in The Kirkby Collaborative of Schools