



## Coates Lane Primary School

*"Happiness at the heart, shaping children of the future."*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you today not only as the Headteacher at your child's school but as a mother. I know that there are lots of emotions flying around at the moment; some of you will feel sad at the thought of your children returning to school and some of you will be glad to get back to some sort of normal. I know that the last 6 months have been a challenge in many ways; a challenge that none of us were expecting.

When you send your child back to school, whether it be this Friday or next week, I wanted to take the time to reassure you that we are doing our absolute best to make Coates Lane the safest place we can for every child and that we will put the children's safety and wellbeing as a priority.

This week, my two children returned to their school where we live and I got to drop them off and pick them up which is something I don't normally get to do. My son was more than ready to go back to school and bounced off without even a backward glance at me. My daughter, however, was petrified. We've had a week full of anxiety and tears, questions and worries. I tried to reassure her the best that I could, but the bottom line was that I couldn't answer all her questions and I just had to tell her that everything was going to be ok. She didn't bounce into school and she looked scared going into school; my heart broke. However, I knew that their school would look after them and understood the needs of my children. I knew that they'd be ok and I put my trust in them to take care of my children. When I picked them up, they both came out beaming, despite the torrential rain and I knew that they would be ok!

You might wonder why I am telling you about my personal life; I felt that it was important for you to know that at Coates Lane we get it! We are parents too, we have children of our own and we understand your worries. We will care for your children as we would care for our own and know that there might be some wobbles from children and parents on the gate on the first morning you drop off...that's ok! We are all humans and these last few months have been unprecedented. I want you to put your trust in us, like I did with the staff at my children's school.

We have planned everything to the hilt. We have tried our best to think of everything. Everything we do is with good intentions and with the children's best interests at heart. Hopefully, we will have got it right but we won't know until we have all 206 pupils back



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in school. We will review and evaluate our procedures, we will change things if they don't work and we will do our utmost to keep the children safe. We hope that you remember that we are humans too and please show us patience and understanding. It is a big step for the staff to be returning to their working environment but as a team we are strong and determined to be the best we can be for every child. We will communicate any changes with you via email, the school website and social media and we hope that you use these platforms to keep checking for messages from us.

We know that communication is very important for all our families and understand that you will miss that face-to-face contact with the staff. We encourage all of you to keep using the following emails to communicate with your child's new class teacher:

Reception: [newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 1: [class1-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class1-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 2: [class2-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class2-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 3: [class3-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class3-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 4: [class4-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class4-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 5: [class5-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class5-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

Year 6: [class6-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:class6-homeworking@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk)

We look forward to continuing the positive relationships that we have with you and can't wait teach your children again in September.

Kind regards,

Sarah White

Headteacher

*In a world where you can be anything...be kind*



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