

30th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a strange year it has been so far! I hope that you have all been keeping safe and well and have enjoyed spending time with your families over the summer break. Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Shobnall Primary School and one which I am sure leads to a certain degree of trepidation for some of you. I wrote to you before the summer holidays informing you of our finalised plans for the full return to school on **Wednesday 2 September 2020**. Government guidance has been revised slightly since then so I wanted to write to you with a quick update of the latest information:

- All children and young people, in all year groups, will return to school and college full time from the beginning of the autumn term.
- The prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased since schools and colleges restricted their opening to most pupils in March. The NHS Test and Trace system is up and running and more is understood about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments.
- The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill. There is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. However, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community.

Further responses to the latest government guidance can be found in our list of 'Frequently Asked Questions' (e.g. use of face masks etc.) and common questions asked by parents on the 'Covid-19 Info' page on the school website at: <https://www.shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/covid-19/>, which you may find useful. Please note that our email address has now changed to: shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk should you wish to seek any further clarification on any matter. We will endeavour to respond as soon as possible to any queries.

Our risk assessments and control measures have been revised over the summer holiday and robustly reviewed by the JTMAT Trust Board and our own Local Governing Body. They will remain under constant review as our staff and pupil's health continues to remain our priority as we all return to school, especially in light of potential 'spikes' within our locality. Again, please see our 'Covid-19 Info' page for a copy of our procedures and protective measures, which we know you will adhere to in order to make our environment as safe as possible for our whole community. We thank you in advance for your patience in bearing with us whilst we establish our new routines and can assure you that they will be under constant review. Should any need to be adjusted slightly, you will be informed immediately.

We are really excited to be able to see the school full once again and are looking forward to seeing yourselves and our children next week.

Many thanks and kind regards,



Mr D. Adams
Head Teacher