



# Sandfield Park School

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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils from Sandfield Park School

School has been back for over a week now and I am very pleased with how systems have been implemented by staff and pupils to help keep our school community safe following the new Covid-19 guidelines for schools. I have attached Frequently Asked Questions about these new guidelines which I hope will be helpful to you.

Now that school is getting back to a more normal situation we can focus on key areas of our School Development Plan. One of these is to promote good attendance across the school. It is vital that pupils are in school to enable them to access the education they will need for the next stage of their lives. We will be following guidelines and an attendance charter from Liverpool City Council to help ensure that pupil attendance is the best it can be. The expectation is that pupils are in school all of the time. If any pupil's attendance goes below 90% then they are classed as a persistent absentee. In real terms if a pupil is not in school half a day a week then their attendance would straight away be 90%. For ACE pupils who are on a part-time timetable this would be taken in to account. I also understand that some pupils have severe medical needs and may need time off school for these reasons and this also be accounted for. For all schools in Liverpool, holidays in term time cannot be authorised or approved by the school. If any parent wishes to discuss their child's attendance with me then please contact me via the school office.

Finally, I would like to let you know that we are able to access some remote / zoom training for parents about social media and what parents can do to help their child keep safe on it. These will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, with further details to follow.

As ever thank you for your continuing support, hopefully your children, our pupils, can enjoy a more normal year, and get back to a full programme of educational activities.

Yours sincerely

**Mr. M. Hilton**  
Headteacher



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