



# Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to reassure you that Carrington Junior School will remain open during the national lockdown which starts on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. We will continue to offer all the services we currently do, ie hot lunches, Our Time wrap around care and Reading Leaves club. Should we be notified of any changes to these provisions, we will let you know.

We understand that this week is, once again, a time of great change and uncertainty and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you about the measures we have in place in school.

### **Colder Weather**

As should be expected moving into this time of year, it is getting much colder. The school heating is on in every classroom. We are also following [government guidance](#) which states that schools must “Always keep occupied spaces well ventilated”, further stating that “in cooler weather, windows should be opened just enough to provide constant background ventilation, and opened more fully during breaks to purge the air in the space”. There are now several scientific models which show exactly how important good ventilation is in stopping the spread of Covid-19.

The government guidance means that the classrooms will be somewhat cooler than they would normally be. For this reason, as well as allowing a base layer below uniform, we will now allow pupils to wear additional external layers such as plain fleeces, coats and/or fingerless gloves in class, if required.

### **Supporting Pupils**

We continue to support our pupils’ wellbeing in class through increased discussion time and extra PSHE lessons. Mrs Douglas, our family liaison worker, is also working alongside teachers and TAs to provide additional pastoral support for pupils who need it.

We understand that for some of our families, this will be a time of considerable change. If there are changes to family circumstances that will affect your child over the next few months, please do get in touch and let us know.

We are expecting further guidance from the Government at some point today, and we will act accordingly. We appreciate the continued support of our families and we will get through this unprecedented time together!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Majcher  
Head Teacher