



St. Peter's C.E. Primary School  
Belford Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1JA

Headteacher – Mrs Julia Collins



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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Lockdown Update for Parents**

At the start of what is going to be a challenging half term for everyone, where we approach a winter in lockdown, we wanted to reinforce to everyone the importance of keeping yourself and others safe. The health and wellbeing of every member of our community is paramount.

As we have now started a second national lockdown, the key messages have not changed and it is worth reinforcing them as they will play a vital role in keeping all of us and our families safe.

### **Staggered Start and End of the Day – “Drop and Go”/ “Collect and Hold” approach**

The staggered timetable has enabled us to maintain an appropriate social distance and get everyone into and from school safely. We appreciate that this is more difficult for families with siblings. When dropping off children, parents need to adopt the “Drop and Go” approach, and not wait with their child until they enter the building; this will reduce contact between families on site. Whilst we understand there is a short waiting time between age groups, especially at the end of the day, we would like to reinforce a “Collect and Hold” approach where children need to remain with parents and not be allowed to play together. We are working hard to keep children in bubbles, which can be easily undone if parents then allow them to play on the playground or out of school.

### **Social Distancing on the School Site**

The two-metre social distance rule at points of contact with adults is vitally important. We cannot stress enough how important it is to make sure that you keep the two-metre rule in mind when accessing the school site. The worst-case scenario is a whole school closure if Covid spreads through the bubbles, which is something we want to prevent at all costs. We know that many parents now wear face masks when entering the school grounds, whilst this is not mandatory we support all of those who make this choice to protect others.

### **Good Hygiene Routines**

This is the season when we would expect to see the greatest rise in absence due to seasonal illness. If your child is not well, please do not send them to school and if they have been physically sick, please follow the 48-hour rule. Whilst it may appear obvious, please do not send your child to school if you, or anyone in your family is awaiting the results of a Covid test. If you have been contacted by track and trace and required to self-isolate, please let us know by e-mail. If you are displaying any Covid symptoms please arrange a test and keep your children off school until you have the results. When you have the results, please e-mail the school to confirm a positive or negative test.

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### **Good Ventilation**

The latest guidance to schools is promoting the importance of good ventilation. We will be continuing to keep the windows open in classrooms to ensure good ventilation to prevent the spread of the infection. The children and staff will all be reminded of the need to wear additional layers in the coming weeks. Please make sure that your child arrives at school with a coat and jumper. If they need extra layers please make sure they are wearing them when they arrive. Hats, scarfs and gloves must all be clearly labelled.

### **Contact with Staff**

This goes against our open-door philosophy, but at the moment any contact with staff increases the risk of infection spread. When dropping off or collecting your children please maintain the two-metre social distance rule and move away as quickly as possible. We encourage parents to use telephone and e-mail to maintain contact during the period of national lockdown. Parent meetings will take place via Teams next week if you haven't yet signed up for a meeting slot please do so as soon as possible.

### **Attendance and Home Learning**

Attendance at school is still mandatory. If your child has to self-isolate whilst awaiting test results for a 48-hr period or if there is a bubble closure or 14 day individual absence, your child will be expected to complete the work that has been posted on their Teams channel.

This letter is designed to make sure we remind ourselves of the things we must do to stay safe, protect our children, staff and families over the next four weeks. We will get through this together.

Yours sincerely

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