



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

Headteacher – Mrs Julia Collins



8th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a good Christmas in readiness for the year ahead!

It has been an extremely stressful week for everyone I'm sure, following the announcement on Monday night that schools would be closed apart from for critical workers and vulnerable children. Fortunately, through TEAMS we are able to establish the online learning quickly. The additional daily face-to-face meetings with the teachers have worked well this week. If you have still been unable to access your child's TEAMS channel please contact us. If you need a computer we have a limited supply but will do everything to help support you with learning at home.

We are, however, experiencing high number of pupils, over 100, taking up places in-school and are extremely concerned about the impact that this has on our ability to ensure that individual contacts are kept to an absolute minimum in order to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. Our ability to protect both staff and pupils is our paramount concern. I must therefore reiterate the latest Government advice that the single most important action we can all take during this national lockdown is to stay at home.

The in-school provision for the children of critical workers is available **if required** and, on this basis, I ask those families who are currently accessing this provision, or are thinking of doing so, to consider whether there is any appropriate way for you to keep your child(ren) at home. If we can minimise numbers of individuals in school this will better safeguard our staff and pupils and also the education provision to all children as the virus continues to spread.

Should you be able to make alternative arrangements which means that your child no longer requires a place in school, then I would be grateful if you could confirm this to us at the earliest opportunity. If children of critical workers require a place in school due to a lack of childcare on certain fixed days of the week, then we would be happy to accommodate their needs in-school on a part-time basis.

For those coming onto site, with the virus spreading at an alarming rate we ask that anyone now near or on the school site is wearing a face mask and is extremely careful to keep their distance from others.

We managed to get through the Autumn Term without bubble closure, however it is likely that this may happen this term, therefore contact numbers must be updated if these have changed recently. Periods of self-isolation due to contact with the virus are very likely.

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PE days

If in school, uniform is required apart from on PE days where they can come in their PE kits.

- Mrs Binks/ Mrs Renton bubble - Tuesday
- Miss Box/ Miss Ratcliffe bubble - Wednesday
- Miss Potter/ Mrs Bull bubble - Wednesday
- Miss Emsley/ Mrs France bubble - Wednesday
- Miss Wilson/ Mrs McNichol/ Miss Crankshaw bubble- Friday

East Barnby Residential

Unfortunately the Outdoor centre has now confirmed that they will remain closed therefore we cannot carry out the Y5/6 residential in March. The admin team will be working to return your deposits as soon as is possible before February half term.

Funclub decision

Letters have been sent out to all parents who use Funclub to explain why they will be closing at all sites for the whole of January. They will review the situation the week commencing 25th Jan and inform parents of the position from 1st Feb onwards. It has not been an easy decision for them to make.

Keep safe everyone. We are here to support you, so please ring or e-mail us if we can help in any way to get through these difficult weeks.

Yours sincerely

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