



8th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all of the supportive emails we have received from you. As you can imagine, this week has been particularly busy and we have had so much to sort out at very short notice. Any positive messages of support (and there have been many!) have been very gratefully received by all members of staff.

Requests for Children to come into School

The number of children in school is increasing every day to the point where we cannot ensure that there is adequate social distancing in place. This is of huge concern to our staff and I'm sure to you, as parents. The bubbles that we have, are already at full capacity and we are having to make more bubbles.

The government have changed the guidance about what makes a Key Worker and this has meant that requests from parents for places has become overwhelming. I would urge you to stop and consider the implications of sending your children into school. If you can possibly keep your children at home, this is where you can ensure they are safe. We really want to reserve places for frontline workers' children who are needed desperately to help combat the Covid crisis which we find ourselves in.

I would ask you to consider your own circumstances and if you really do have no option than to take up one of the spaces available. If your child is in upper key stage 2 they are highly likely to be able to work independently on google classroom if you are also working from home. If they are with you, working at home, they are safe. We are so worried that children here will pass on the virus and take it home to venerable relatives.

If you absolutely have no other possible option than to send your child in and you have key worker status then please only send them on the days you actually need. The less they are in, the less chance they have catching the virus. We know that in York the virus is spreading quickly and so right now protecting our children and staff is taking priority over everything else.


We know that children enjoy coming to school and seeing their friends but this is not more important than their own health and that of your families. My message to you all is please consider your position carefully and if you possibly can keep your children at home, please do.



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This is a difficult letter to write because there is no possible way to please everybody. I have to go with what I believe to be right in terms of us keeping children safe and well and preventing them from passing anything to you.

The usual rules apply in that children should not be sent into school with any symptoms of Covid. If any of your household have Covid, your children must isolate for 10 days. If we have any cases of Covid in school, the bubble concerned will all be sent home to isolate for 10 days.

For those Children already in School

As I said, our numbers of children have increased hugely and therefore we need to make some changes to try and keep children separated as much as possible.

We will go back to our procedures from before Christmas. So all KS2 children can arrive from 8.35am and should come into the building by themselves through the Y5/6 door please. All Year 5 and 6 children who have parental permission can walk home by themselves at 3.05pm, the rest of the children should be picked up at 3.15pm please. There are no changes to the infant bubbles.

Thank you once again for your support in this very difficult and challenging time.

Best wishes,

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