

Hemingbrough CP School

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will undoubtedly be aware, there are schools both locally and nationally having to close either class bubbles or entirely due to COVID 19. Until now, we have been fortunate that we have remained fully open. However, should we get any positive cases of COVID 19 (either children or staff), we would be required to take advice from the local authority, the Department for Education and Public Health England who instruct us on the steps we need to take. We would of course inform you of any closure as soon as possible.

We have been asked by the Local Authority to remind / instruct all parents of the following, this information and more can be found on our school website under the COVID tab.

### **For Parents & Carers**

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school. Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- Please enter and leave the school grounds observing 2 meter distance rule.
- All children must remain with an adult whilst waiting on the playground, both before and after school.
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.
- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times.

### **For Parents & Carers to talk to your children about**

- Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with (particularly those who walk to and from school unaccompanied).
- Children who arrive unaccompanied must not do so until their allotted start time.
- Please remind your child to leave school in a timely manner to avoid social contacts.
- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.
- Please remember the school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school (i.e. children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school).

## Message to Parents & Carers about self-isolation

If you are self-isolating

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has COVID symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.
- Please inform school as soon as possible should anyone in your household test positive for COVID 19
- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.
- Please follow the national guidance:
  - For individuals who have tested positive or who live in the same household as someone who is positive for covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
  - For close contacts who do NOT live in the same household:  
If you require any further support (e.g. shopping, medication) whilst you are self-isolating please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19> for further information.

## Messages for Parents & Carers on current lockdown restrictions

- The new national restrictions can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>
- In summary:
  - You can leave home for education (formal provision, rather than extracurricular classes such as music or drama tuition,) training, registered childcare and children's activities that are necessary to allow parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training. Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.
  - You and your children must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.

There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#childcare-and-childrens-activities>

## Emollients

We are aware that increased hand washing (which is essential) can cause skin irritation to some children. In most cases an over the counter emollient will help with this condition. In partnership with Health and Safety, you can find guidance on the COVID tab on our school website which has been produced. If your child requires to use an emollient at school, there is also a form which you will need to fill in and return to school to authorise use (please complete this form even if your child currently brings an emollient into school).

We would ask that all children use an emollient before and after school to reduce the need for it to be used within school.