

1st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have managed to enjoy some special time together with family and friends over the Christmas break, before the new Tier 3 lockdown restrictions came in from 31.12.20.

As you will have probably heard through the media, although North Yorkshire has changed from tier 2 to tier 3, Primary Schools will remain open. Our risk assessment online is still current (as of today), and will be updated as and when there is any need to, following any further guidance from the Department of Education or Local Authority Health and Safety advisors. You can read it again if you wish to at: <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Risk-Assessment-update-Autumn-2-09.11.20.pdf>

If you are currently in isolation in your household due to a positive test for Coronavirus, or if you/your child(ren) have any symptoms and are awaiting a test/result, please let us know at your earliest convenience via email to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk or alternatively give us a call on Monday, when there will be someone available to answer the phone from 10am onwards.

Please could I ask that you continue to do the following, so that we can maintain our safe environment for staff and children in school from the start of the new term:

- Stick to your staggered start and finish times and be punctual, leaving the school site as soon as you can, to keep the number of people on the premises and at entrances to a minimum. One adult per family and no secondary school children please.
- Continue to communicate with staff via telephone (requests via the office for a call back from class teachers) or email via school admin, so that face to face contact is reduced.
- Send children to school in the appropriate clothes for their activities that day eg PE kit/Forest school clothing, and only their book bag (no other items please) and a disposable packed lunch as applicable (we will send you a reminder of what children need in the different year groups in a separate communication).
- Ensure that your child has their own water bottle in school which is named.
- Send reading books to school to be changed on a Monday or a Thursday only to be quarantined.
- Continue to reinforce the importance of regular hand washing at home as well as at school.
- Book children into Buddies wrap around care using our online form on our website at least 48 hours in advance, so that we can ensure that we have appropriate staffing and space for your child.

The new tier 3 restrictions (see below) state that households should not be mixing indoors or in private gardens, and we would really appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe by reducing contact between children across bubbles outside of school, as we are working hard to reduce the risk of infection by keeping them in strict bubble groups both in the building and on the playground.

We had a really successful Autumn term with fantastic attendance, and I feel relieved and fortunate that we did not need to close a bubble. This is because everyone worked together to ensure that our strict measures and rigorous cleaning and sanitising routines were followed. I really hope that we can maintain this for the term ahead to keep our children safe and in education.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and feedback as unprecedented times continue. I am really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

With very best wishes for the term ahead,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



STAY SAFE
IN NORTH YORKSHIRE



NHS
Test and Trace

Tier 3 – very high Covid-19 alert level

Hospitality

All pubs, restaurants and cafes must close except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery services.



Travel and transport

Reduce journeys where possible. Avoid travelling out of North Yorkshire, including overnight stays except for essential activities.



Working from home guidance

Work from home where possible.



Social contact

Only your household or support bubble can meet indoors or at outdoor events and venues – stick to the rule of six in wide open spaces such as parks, countryside or beaches.



Overnight stays

People in North Yorkshire are advised not to stay overnight in other areas of the country. You must not stay overnight with anyone you do not live with.



We must now urgently follow the restrictions to limit the spread and save lives here in North Yorkshire www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus