

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you are very aware of the current discussions around the opening of primary schools, based on media reports over the weekend. I just wanted to reinforce with you that the information that I sent out to you in my letter on Friday still stands, we aim to be open from tomorrow morning – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Considering advice and direction that we currently have and the local situation, our staff at school have committed to ensuring that we continue to provide face to face teaching. We do have a thorough risk assessment and measures to minimise risk, which we have revisited during our INSET day today, to ensure that all staff feel supported in their roles, which means that we can do our very best to keep everyone safe in school.

Additional measures that we have put in place until we receive further information from the DfE or the Local Authority are as follows:

- Staff will wear visors in classrooms and in communal spaces where they cannot be 2m apart.
- We will share again the home-school charter regarding Covid-19 safety for families to discuss and consent to together, so that parents and children agree to our expectations around hygiene.
- Face to face contact between adults is minimised. Parents are therefore asked to share essential messages only with staff at pick up and drop off and otherwise email the admin office for staff to make contact ASAP.
- We request that parents continue to stick to drop off and pick up times, are on time, and do not linger on the playground before or after their allocated time slot. Parents should continue to maintain a distance of 2m.
- We ask that our families discourage the mixing of children outside of school between bubbles and follow the Tier 3 restrictions in place.

If you or your child have any symptoms that could be COVID, even if they are mild please access a test (the walk in centre in Harrogate is very efficient!) and inform school of the outcome as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. As always communication is key between home and school so that we can support our community. Please keep us updated of any changes or concerns at home via email. Parents are receiving the same messages from the government at the same time as school staff at the moment, but we will continue to update you with any plans moving forward with regards to the school's position, should there be any changes.

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher