

Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are in the final two weeks of term, I wanted to write a separate letter to highlight the importance of following the current Tier 2 restrictions which are now in place in North Yorkshire.

I am sure you would all agree that celebrating Christmas this year is really important to our families, many of whom have been separated for an extended period of time given the recent lockdown.

In the run up to Christmas, it is therefore vitally important that our school community work together to ensure that we do everything we can to avoid further bubble closures in school, which could lead to huge disruption for a large number of families (for both children and staff) at Christmas if they had to self-isolate.

Sadly, secondary schools in Harrogate continue to be badly affected and with other primary schools having bubble closures last week, it is clear that whilst the rate of cases has reduced, the virus is still prevalent in school communities across Harrogate.

We continue to follow our stringent procedures in school and are doing everything we can to ensure that our children and staff are safe. Please rest assured that we will continue to follow our risk assessment including safety and hygiene protocols in school right up until the end of term.

I know you will all be familiar with the current restrictions, nevertheless I have added the information to this letter.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience, support and hard work in supporting the school during this incredibly challenging time as I know many families are finding the current situation very difficult for a variety of reasons.

Let us work together to avoid any further bubble closures in school so that everyone in our school community has the best chance of enjoying the Christmas we all deserve.

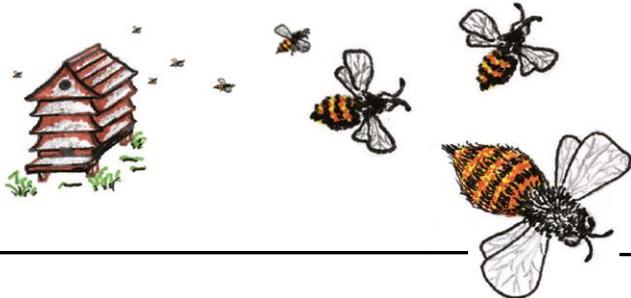
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. J. Street".

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TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



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