



16th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

A message from North Yorkshire County Council

As we are now in the second period of lockdown, we have been advised by Public Health England to communicate the following information.

Messages to pass on to parents/carers

- **Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from school.**
- Where possible, **only one adult per family should enter school grounds** to drop off or collect your child.
- 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 wear a face covering** in addition to social distancing. This is 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. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Messages for parents/carers to talk to their children about

- **Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.**
- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.
- Children should **avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school.**

Message to pass on 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 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 please visit: <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, outdoor space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.

Stay Safe,

North Yorkshire County Council and Public Health England