



Sedbergh Primary School

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Dear parents, carers and families,

I know you will all be aware that tomorrow the country enters a new period of lockdown in an attempt to combat the rising number of coronavirus cases in our communities. As you know, so far, we have had no positive cases in school and have not had to close 'bubbles' or return to 'remote learning'. I do know that one or two families have been directly affected, you have my empathy and understanding.

In light of our return to lockdown without school closure, I would like to reiterate some key points about life in school to maintain our safety and reduce the risk of transmission in our setting. We continue to expect the following guidelines to be adhered to by parents, families and children;

Illness

If your child or any member of your household becomes ill and exhibits any of the symptoms of Covid 19, your household must self-isolate following national guidance. Your child, any other household members and any siblings must not come to school until the period of isolation ends or your household all receive negative test outcomes for the virus. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

Any child who presents with symptoms within school, or who becomes unwell, will be separated from other children and adults in school. You will be contacted to take them, and any siblings home. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office (please see note below about adults in school). The same rules apply for members of staff.

Handwashing and Personal Hygiene

As ever, we will continue to insist on routine handwashing and good respiratory hygiene in school.

Adults in school

We continue to ask that adults avoid coming in to school unless by arrangement. Any notes, letters or messages can be delivered by pupils. Any other information can be shared via telephone or email. All our contact information is available on this letter head and on the school website.

School Drop-Off

8.50 am start and a 3.30pm finish for all groups and classes. We do not want children (except 'bus' children) on the school yard prior to 8.45am. Too many children are now arriving at school before 8.45am causing lots of interactions outside before the day has even begun. Please don't send your children to school early.

Parents should avoid coming on to the school grounds unnecessarily and maintain social distance where possible.

School Organisation

The school continues to operate in 3 'bubbles'; EYFS (Elder), Key Stage 1 (Spruce) and KS2 (Yew, Ash, Beech and Oak)

PE and School Uniform

Children will have PE lessons in school and need to come to school in PE kit on PE days. All children are expected to attend school in their school uniform (see our website for more details) except on PE days. Can I also remind parents that children should not bring additional items (such as toys and trinkets) into school.

As ever, we really appreciate your help in achieving this. Please do contact school with your questions and concerns.

Matt Towe

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