Wednesday, 18th November, 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

**Weekly Covid-19 Update Letter.**

I hope this letter finds you all well.

We have had a few bubbles close so far this week after two people in school tested positive for Covid-19 over the weekend. If your child is self-isolating at home please make sure they do not leave the house, at all, unless it is a medical emergency, e.g. an ambulance is called, and that they complete the work set for them. It is vital they do this because if they don't gaps in their learning will appear.

Again, a very big thank you to parents, carers, grandparents, uncles, cousins etc for wearing a face covering when attending school and when coming onto the school site; we very much appreciate this. Please keep to the one way system around school, even when my staff are not outside to remind you! A few adults are still trying to sneak through in the wrong direction and often complain when they are challenged or reminded...this is unfair as staff are doing as I direct them to. If you have any issues with the one-way system around school then please contact me directly: head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk. Thank you.

I have had no questions from parents/carers over the last few weeks so here are a few reminders re Covid and school.

***Q1. Myself (and my partner) have been furloughed again or lost our job and are struggling with money for food at home. Can you help?***

Of course we can! Please ring school and ask to speak with Mrs Noble or email her, on: [knoble@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:knoble@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk)

We are here to help and do not want any of our children or their families to go hungry because of the current situation and we now have our very own 'Peel Park Community Pantry' that may be able to help you too.

***Q2. My child is complaining that they are cold in class. Why is this?***

The latest research suggests that one of the biggest and most effective ways of not catching an airborne virus is to keep enclosed spaces, such as classrooms, well ventilated. We are trying to keep the windows open as much as possible to aid this. Please send your child with layers (vest, t-shirt, jumper, coat etc) if you can. Again, if you are struggling to afford such items then please contact Mrs Noble here at school and we’ll see what we can do to help.

***Q3. My child has completed all the work set by the Class Teacher. What more can they do to help with their learning?***

There are also other online resources that the children can be learning from, a small list that I am aware follows:

Sumdog

Seesaw

Epic

Read Theory

***Q4. My child has got symptoms of a cold. Should I keep them off school?***

Yes, and please have them tested for Covid-19 ASAP. Most of our children and staff who have tested positive have not had the usual or typical symptoms, mainly symptoms of a cold. We believe this is one reason why it went through our school a few weeks ago. I am not saying to ignore Government advice but in our experience of Coronavirus, typical cold like symptoms can also signify Covid-19

If you have any more questions and/or ideas then please do get in touch with me:

[head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk) or 07792 402654 (text is better between 8am and 6pm).

Stay safe and remember - **hands - face - space.**

Assuring you of our best intentions at all times.

Yours Sincerely

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