

Tuesday, 13th October, 2020.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

**Weekly Covid-19 Update Letter.**

I hope this letter finds you well.

The good news is that for over a week we have had no more positive Covid-19 tests of either staff or pupils in our school and no 'bubbles' have been sent home! Hurray!

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. I know a few of you have been a little upset and put out when asked to wear one but we are only trying our very best to protect you and your families. Thank you.

A few of you have been in contact with me and asked questions about the current situation in school. Here are the questions and responses.

***Q1. The weather is getting cooler now. When are you going to start serving hot food at lunchtimes?***

We are now offering a hot option every day, except Fridays. Fridays we provide a grab bag for children to take home as we have early closing.

***Q2. How long will the early closing carry on for on a Friday afternoon?***

We will be doing this for the foreseeable future but reviewing it every half-term. Your feedback on this is appreciated. Is it convenient for you? Do you prefer it etc? Email me at: [head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk)

***Q3. My child says that none of her/his work is being marked by the teacher. Is this correct and why?***

I have instructed teachers not to take home children's books as the virus can stay on paper surfaces for a good few hours and is a way of spreading it. Also, staff need to be out of the building by 4pm every day so the cleaning team can come in and do a deep clean.

Instead, pupils may mark as a group, overseen by the class teacher. Our staff now also circulate more in the classroom, during lessons, and may tick and cross as they go (without touching the page) and then build any mistakes and misconceptions into their teaching points - feedback is verbal and instant. The main thing is children continue to make progress.

***Q4. What are your expectations if my child and their bubble is sent home?***

This is one area that, as a school, we are not doing very well at!

Our expectations are that ALL children complete the work provided if they have to stay at home and isolate. It is provided both online and in paper format. At the moment a lot of our children think it is an extra holiday! It is not.

Thank you to those parents/carers who make sure the work is completed to the best of the child's abilities and uploaded and/or returned on time. The Governing Board are looking at this next week and making it a 'non-negotiable' directive for our teachers and therefore the children. We may have bubbles in and out of school all year so children need to get used to this new way of remote learning, with the support of parents/carers. We know it is not easy but it must be done. Thank you for your support in this.

We will be launching our new school learning platform called 'Seesaw' very soon. This will make accessing home learning easier. More info to follow...

***Q5. We don't have (enough) internet devices for our child(ren) if they have to isolate and work from home.***

The Government are offering free devices for lots of children, based on certain criteria. Mrs Varley sent out a devices questionnaire last week (the deadline was yesterday) as she is working hard to get all our children, who are entitled, their own, new device. These will belong to school but will be loaned out, long-term. This process is not proving easy and I thank Mrs Varley for her dogmatic approach to this difficult issue.

***Q6. How are you going to run the parent consultation meetings this year?***

These will take place after the October half-term holiday, via telephone at a planned and agreed time.

***Q7. When are you changing the uniform policy back to just school uniform?***

This all depends on the whole school risk assessment and when the risk has reduced in the area. We review this on a regular basis and will let you know in good time when we intend to re-introduce our school uniform policy!

***Q8. I/we are still not back at work and are struggling for food at home. Can you help?***

Yes! Please get in contact with us. Either Mrs Khan (Pastoral Manager) or Mrs Noble (Assistant Headteacher) can help directly or advise you of where to go next. Please do not be ashamed! We are here to help - we are one big family and we do not want to see you or our children go hungry!

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**Q9. 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:

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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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