

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Dear Parents,

Happy New year to you all. This is a strange time and an unusual newsletter to have to write. I have thought long and hard at ways that we can maintain our strong community feel, as some are learning at home and some at school. I think that it is important that everyone knows what's going on for both groups.

We are at critical mass with places for essential key workers and vulnerable pupils. Last lockdown we had 35 pupils this a time we are over 100. Every member of staff is in school daily teaching face to face or in charge of remote learning. It is an impossible task to do both at the same time. It is clear that home is the safest place and parents are being overwhelmingly supportive in difficult circumstances. I have had many emails and communications from parents with kind words and messages and this is keeping staff moral high. Moral in school is positive and we are trying to make things as normal as possible.

For our home learners and parents you are amazing and doing a brilliant job. Staff in charge of remote learning are saying we have high levels of engagement so congratulations everyone. If anyone has any questions, use Dojo to get in touch and let us know so we can help in any way.

Moving forward we will be in touch later this week with passwords and logins for Microsoft Teams. We are as a Trust moving our learning over to this through RM Unify. Some of you will already be familiar with this either from work or older pupils using it already. It should simplify where everything is and quick access to all the online apps we are asking you to use. It also allows children to upload work and get feedback from the teacher easier.

Access to internet

If any of our families who get free school meals, have problems with internet access or devices, please get in touch and let us know next week, we may have a solution to order routers or information how to increase your mobile internet access with some mobile networks.

Free School Meals

This week we were able to distribute food bags for lunches on Monday. From next week these will be available to collect on Tuesdays between 12-3pm only. If collecting them is a problem, please get in touch. The Government have no plans to move to vouchers this time and we are sorry about that situation. But if they change their minds we will let you know.

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Applying For A Primary School Place For Your Child

If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2021 (born between 01.09.16 and 31.08.17 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Online forms must be submitted by 15th January 2021.

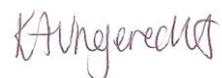
Entering School Premises

All parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) need to wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. If you are travelling by car please wait in your car until your specific drop off/pick up time. Please maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting pupils from school. Only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect children.

Dates For Your Diary

Week beginning 11th January - Parents consultations for all pupils

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher

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