

ST PETER'S BRAFFERTON C of E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Governor News Letter

October 14th 2020

St Peter's is a warm, caring and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and can grow in confidence and faith. In this supportive community, children are encouraged to develop enquiring minds, a lifelong love of learning and a respect for other people and cultures. We are led by our core Christian Values of Community, Compassion, Truth, Trust, Friendship and Endurance

Be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble 1 Peter 3:8

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of the Governing Body and all the staff at school, we do hope that you and all your families are all staying safe and well at this difficult time.

As you are all aware the school sadly had to temporarily close on Thursday 8th October. This was due to a Covid 19 outbreak at our school. There are now 6 staff members that have tested positive and we are hearing that some pupils in class 2 and class 3 have tested positive also.

I wanted to write this letter to you, on behalf of the Full Governing Body (FGB) to reassure you, that this current outbreak of Covid is being looked into, including our risk assessment procedures, as well as this outbreak being managed by Mrs Williams. The Board feel that it is imperative that we all learn from this situation and gain further knowledge and skills in doing everything we can to prevent another outbreak at the school.

The Board also feel it is really important to remind EVERYONE that **is it crucial that we all isolate our children to prevent the spread of this virus amongst the village and local community.** The following steps have been advised by Public Health England:

- **All children need to be isolated for 2 weeks from the 8/10/2020, stay in your home and keep safe**
- **If at any point your child develops Covid like symptoms, you must get them tested please at a test centre (even though you are isolating, travelling in a car to a test centre is advised) and all family members within the household must self-isolate also along with their child/children. If family members develop symptoms, then they must get tested also please.**
- **Mrs Williams has sent you all letters explaining what to do in these circumstances so please keep this letter close at hand for referring to.**

The school is closed until 22/10/202, during which time it will be deep cleaned in order to be made safe again and ready for re-opening. During this closure, home learning, via Microsoft Teams, has commenced and is being expertly delivered by the school staff.

Finally, can I please assure you all that, behind the scenes, we are all extremely busy assessing and managing this situation. I also wanted to inform you that at this present time, the staff and pupils who have tested positive for covid 19 are not severely unwell. We pray that this stable picture of the covid illness does not change.

Please stay safe, look after your precious families and lets us all hope that we get through this crisis together and that we all learn and gain strength from this difficult situation.

Very best wishes to you all and to your families
Shirley Sowray
Chair of Governors