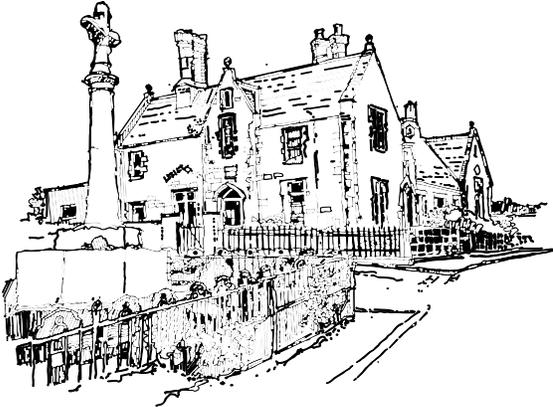


HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith

*“Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a restful Christmas and are looking forward to the new year.

During the Christmas holiday I have been keeping a close eye on developments in relation to coronavirus which have seen us enter Tier 4. There has been much discussion in the news about the return to school and I can understand the uncertainty and concern over mixing again after the holiday. We all have our part to play in keeping each other safe and we can do this by working together as a community just as we did in the autumn term.

The original plans and risk assessments will remain the same as detailed in the original handbook (please ask if you would like a further copy) but key points to reinforce are:

- Children's drop off and pick up time will be staggered and being on time is essential.
- Children must be well before attending school.
- Children must NOT attend school if anyone in their household has any symptoms of coronavirus or is awaiting a test result.
- School must be kept informed of the health of households
- If children need Calpol / Ibuprofen before coming to school then please err on the side of caution and keep them off during this time as they are unlikely to be well enough to be in.
- Parents will be requested to collect their child / children and arrange for testing if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school, even if the symptoms are transient.
- Items from home must not be brought in to school, except school book bags
- Reading books will only be changed on designated days to enable quarantining of books
- Staff may choose to wear PPE if they wish
- Parents and staff are requested to wear PPE at drop off and pick up times when there is greater footfall around school
- Handwashing will be completed regularly throughout the day and hand sanitiser used



- Social distancing will be encouraged but cannot be guaranteed due to the age and understanding of primary school children.
- School will be well ventilated so please consider the clothing worn by your child to include a warm jumper / hoodie
- During the end of last term wet weather showed that many trainers were not waterproof - please consider waterproof shoes for your children during these colder months
- We will follow and respond to guidance as it changes and keep you informed of any changes

Further information about coronavirus symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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We are committed to working with you and the community in as safe a way as we can and discussion in relation to this will form part of our training day today. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will respond as soon as we are able.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school tomorrow.

Kind regards and many thanks,



Bridget Bye
Headteacher

