



Beeston Primary School

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Tuesday 1st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we leave another National Lockdown and enter Tier 3 restrictions, it is time again to update you on how school is managing the Covid-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, Leeds is entering the highest Tier due to Coronavirus cases continuing to rise. It is important that we all play our part in helping to reduce the R number and growth rate of the virus.

At Beeston Primary, we are continuing to see cases within our school community. Since the middle of September, we have only managed one full week of all class bubbles being in school. However, the amount of cases is in line with other schools of a similar size across the city. I would like to state again that Leeds City Council are not concerned with the amount of cases at Beeston Primary School. The risk assessment is reviewed regularly by Leeds City Council’s health and safety team, with the latest version available to view on our school website.

I am aware that some class bubbles have now been closed twice, which will add additional pressure to families as they try to juggle their work commitments and home learning. Rest assured that school continues to be a safe environment and those decisions to close class bubbles are made following the Government guidelines.

On a positive note, even though we have on average 20 staff off a day – due to self-isolating; we have not needed to use supply teachers, ensuring that all pupils’ learning is as consistent as possible during these challenging times.

Please remember that, as a state-maintained school, we are duty bound to follow the Government’s guidance and put in place all the control measures in the school’s risk assessment ensuring that school is a safe place for all. We therefore respectfully ask that you do not complain to school about such decisions as bubble closures. As a democratic society, you have every right to address any of these concerns directly with the UK Government.

As stated in yesterday’s letter from Leeds City Council, the overwhelming majority of parents have been extremely understanding of the challenges that schools in Leeds have encountered and have co-operated fully with the range of measures put in place to provide a Covid-safe environment for the children, staff and parents.

Please continue to support school by ensuring your children complete their home-learning when self-isolating. We are working hard on setting up and introducing a new learning

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platform which will make remote learning much easier and more effective for pupils, staff and parents. Staff and pupils are learning about Microsoft Teams for Education in school at the minute and further information and training to support parents will be available soon. For the time being, a very comprehensive range of home-learning tasks are available on our school website and feedback is given to the children via email.

Disappointingly, not all of our families who are isolating are accessing this work, which means that some children will be falling behind with their learning. If you are struggling with any aspects of home-learning then please contact the main office and we will do our very best to support you. We all know that these are unprecedented times but until a vaccine is mass-produced and disseminated to everyone, our current circumstances will continue.

As always, please send proof of any positive COVID-19 test results to the following email address positivecovid@beestonprimary.org, as soon as you receive them, even if this is at a weekend, so that we can take appropriate action. This email address is for **COVID -19 positive cases only**. If you want to contact school about any other issues, or inform us of a negative test, then please use our office email address on our school website.

Thank you parents for all the well wishes and support you have given the senior leadership team and staff especially when we greet you all in the mornings on the playground.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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