



## Dear Parents

**Covid update** Following the new sanctions that come into operation today I wanted to share with you the school's response.

It is essential to keep children away from school if anyone in their household develops symptoms consistent with coronavirus or if anyone they have recently come into contact with, has tested positive for Coronavirus. If a child develops symptoms consistent with coronavirus, then they must stay away from school and take a test. In all of these situations, self-isolation must be observed for the entire specified time period, which could be extended beyond 14 days if other members of the household then develop symptoms. Tests can be obtained at a test centre, by booking a test online or, if you are unable to access either of these options, then by obtaining a test from school. In school staff are advised to maintain 2m distance from one another and where this is not possible, then they will wear face coverings.

I completely agree and sympathise with you that if a child develops a cough, or a sore throat, or a temperature etc. it doesn't necessarily mean that they have COVID but we have to assume that they might and if this is the case, then they do need to remain at home and be tested. It would be unforgivable if I allowed a child into school if they had what parents believed was simply a 'seasonal cough' and it transpired that they were in fact carrying the virus which they then spread within school. It is the same for all of us and children are not exempt. Thank you for your support in this.

**Goodbye Mrs Harper** Mrs Harper will be leaving us this Friday and moving onto pastures new. I'd like to wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all her tremendous work over the last few months! Mrs Verity has had a great first week, working alongside Mrs Harper and is getting to grips with the systems we have in school despite the challenging times we are all once again experiencing.

**No Pantomime** Sadly, it will come as no surprise that the pantomime has been postponed for this year until December 2021. This is a real blow, not just to us but to the theatre and Harrogate in general. We wish the theatre all the very best and hope that they will manage to endure these difficult times.



7th Sept - Training Day

8th Sept - Children return

16th Sept - FGB meeting

6th Oct - Bags2School  
Collection

21st Oct - FGB meeting

22nd Oct - Break up

23rd Oct - Staff CPD Day

2nd Nov - Back to school