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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I know there is much in the media regarding the removal of all restrictions and I am committed to doing this in school on a stepwise basis. Case rates are dropping nationally and locally but Horsforth does remain higher than Leeds (837 vs. 733 per 100k), regardless this is great news overall and we are now looking at which measures we remove.

Our current plan when we return after ½ term is to:

- Keep masks for the first week back after half term and to formally review on the Thursday of that week (unless cases drop significantly)
- Keep our sanitizer stations at entry and exit points
- Keep all entrance and break/lunch arrangements as they are
- Begin whole Year group assemblies in the hall again
- Invite parents into school for information evenings, transition events etc. again from 28th of February
- Begin planning for more foreign trips (planning needs to begin 6 months in advance usually).

As I communicated before, we will take this stepwise approach so that we can put things back if needed. This approach will allow us to see the effect of the change and ultimately to protect learning and our most vulnerable members of the school community.

Safeguarding Updates

Online Safety - Parental Support

To continue the theme of Safer Internet Day and the work done in school this past week, I want to stress the importance of all parents and carers knowing what their child accesses online and on their mobile phones. It is important to view your child's phone content from time to time and for you to have online safety conversations.

Unfortunately, we have recently unearthed some sexually explicit, adult material and improper language on Year 7 students' phones. Please take a look at the following links which will upskill and support parents in these conversations, where needed,

For parents with children aged 11-13 years:

[https://us-east-](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9YWklyZDBnbIN3cw==&i=NWE1Yzk3YzI0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJG4&t=ajlraHd3T0p2RG9mK2V2TnMrTjNwD09hOW40VXNKUE9Xdm0yczVIWTJTUT0=&h=ddea6968087346a2bf7088b836f4aefb)

[2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9YWklyZDBnbIN3cw==&i=NWE1Yzk3YzI0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJG4&t=ajlraHd3T0p2RG9mK2V2TnMrTjNwD09hOW40VXNKUE9Xdm0yczVIWTJTUT0=&h=ddea6968087346a2bf7088b836f4aefb](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9YWklyZDBnbIN3cw==&i=NWE1Yzk3YzI0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJG4&t=ajlraHd3T0p2RG9mK2V2TnMrTjNwD09hOW40VXNKUE9Xdm0yczVIWTJTUT0=&h=ddea6968087346a2bf7088b836f4aefb)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Internet-Matters-online-safety-Age-Guide-11-13.pdf>

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For parents with children aged 14+:

[https://us-east-](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9Da2xTU2RQS2hITQ==&i=NWEIYzk3Yzl0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJj4&t=cjJhbG9pYkgyNDhudi85ZnN6bkUwcVBaNHkPV3g4enNWMEJTR3ZzVFduST0=&h=ac254be979f2467096c00c0b4b14c966)

[2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9Da2xTU2RQS2hITQ==&i=NWEIYzk3Yzl0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJj4&t=cjJhbG9pYkgyNDhudi85ZnN6bkUwcVBaNHkPV3g4enNWMEJTR3ZzVFduST0=&h=ac254be979f2467096c00c0b4b14c966](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?d=youtu.be&u=aHR0cHM6Ly95b3V0dS5iZS9Da2xTU2RQS2hITQ==&i=NWEIYzk3Yzl0ODI3YjUxNzZjOTVkJj4&t=cjJhbG9pYkgyNDhudi85ZnN6bkUwcVBaNHkPV3g4enNWMEJTR3ZzVFduST0=&h=ac254be979f2467096c00c0b4b14c966)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Internet-Matters-online-safety-Age-Guide-14plus.pdf>

Domestic Abuse

As part of our statutory safeguarding duty we need to inform all parents and carers about the Leeds Joint Protocol for Domestic Abuse and Violence and school notifications. It has been established to support children who are resident in households where there are or have been incidents of domestic abuse and violence.

The protocols have been designed so all Leeds schools receive a confidential notification if there has been a recorded incident of Domestic Violence, in which children may have witnessed, been present or involved.

The process means that a DVA notification will come through to school and a trained Designated Child Protection officer at Horsforth School will take the call. This officer will act in confidence to ensure that we as a school are supporting the child/children in their education and making provision for possible difficulties experienced by the incident. Where we feel it appropriate we will contact parents/carers to inform them of the call. We will signpost to support and liaise on how best to support the child in school.

I am keen to not cause alarm by this but we do have to share this process with you all.

For further support and information about DVA, please go to: www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk

Year 9 Options

Year 9 will begin their options process on Tuesday 15th February. Over the next few weeks they will be making some final subject selections for Years 10 and 11. As we are unable to have an evening event, all of the key information, including a full video presentation to explain the process and videos from individual subject areas, will be sent out via email to parents and students on Tuesday. I will also include the links to the important information in next week's Parent/Carer update letter.

Lateral Flow Tests (Home Testing)

Thank you so much for your support in continuing to perform lateral flow tests at home. We will continue to issue the kits through form time and will only delay if we have supply issues.

The link to reporting results to the NHS is here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. The link to report results to us is here: <https://forms.gle/RKzCqrFhzDS4CFK87> (please also call or email the school if you test positive).

Sporting Fixtures

Results from the week commencing 31/01/22:

Girls netball:

Year 8 A team 3 vs 2 Cardinal Heenan (won)

Year 8 A team 9 vs 0 GSAL B (won)

Year 8 A team 6 vs 1 St Mary's Menston (won)

A team player of the week = Lois

Year 8 B team 2 vs 0 Woodhouse Grove (won)

Year 8 0 vs 0 GSAL C (draw)

B team player of the week = Laynie

Year 10 tournament at Roundhay: results TBC.

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Boys football:

Year 9 2 vs 0 Benton Park (won)

Year 9 2 vs 0 PHGS (won)

Year 8 7 vs 1 Lawnswood (won)

Results from the week commencing 07/02/22:

Boys football:

Year 7 B team tournament at Ilkley GS. Won 7 out of 9 games played.

Year 10 2 vs 2 Benton Park (draw)

Year 10 3 vs 3 Woodhouse Grove (draw)

Girls football:

U14 cup match:

Year 9 3 vs 3 Pudsey GS (draw). After extra time (4-4). Horsforth went on to win on penalties.

Girls netball:

Yr10 8 vs 6 Prince Henry's GS (won). Player of the match: Hannah

Yr11 10 vs 15 Prince Henry's GS (lost). Player of the match: Katie

U14 tournament at Roundhay TBC.

Exceptional Harry!

Harry, one of our wonderful Year 11's, will be representing England in the Dance World Cup later this year in Spain and featured last night on BBC Look North to talk about his dancing.

Harry will travel to Spain to compete in two solo categories and has a Go Fund Me page to raise money for the travel and accommodation: <https://gofund.me/4613075a>

Fantastic news and we are all very proud and excited to hear how it goes!

Thank you for your continued support, kind messages and patience.

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell

Headteacher