



ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that a number of Primary Schools in our local area will only be open to critical worker and vulnerable children at the start of the Spring Term. However, I can inform you Elvington Church of England Primary School will be open as planned. I would like to reassure you that the protective measures that we employed successfully in the Autumn Term will continue to be in place this term. I have attached a letter to this email from the office of the Director of Public Health at CYC. This letter gives you an outline of the local position here in York.

As both a Headteacher and a parent, I realise how unsettling and potentially upsetting this uncertainty is for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email (head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk), if you have any questions. Although, unfortunately, I cannot guarantee to have the answers. Should there be any new directives from the DfE, I will contact you at the earliest opportunity to outline any amended arrangements.

Ventilation continues to be an important factor - windows and classroom doors (internal and external) will be left open as much as possible to aid ventilation. Elvington's teachers are planning lots of outdoor learning activities; therefore it is essential that the children come suitably dressed for all weather possibilities.

Please remember that children can wear additional clothing (fleeces or extra sweatshirts) over the top of school uniform. An Elvington branded fleece can be purchased via this link: <https://school-shop.co.uk/product/navy-blue-fleecejacket-elvington-ce-primary-school/>. However, please don't feel that a branded fleece is essential.

If your child has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, or is having a test/required to self-isolate, please inform the school using the following email address, as soon as you find out: head@elvingtonprimary.org.uk. The aforementioned email address will be checked regularly - seven days a week and over holidays. The school will always inform you as soon as we can if there has been a confirmed case within your child's bubble and if your son or daughter needs to isolate. However, we will never name the child/staff member who has tested positive.

We must all continue to be vigilant of COVID-19 symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or the loss of taste or smell. If a child, or any member of their household, has any of these symptoms, however mild, they must not come to school and should seek a test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Buttery

“I have come in order that you may have life – life in all its fullness.” John 10:10