



Dear Parents/Carers,

I appreciate that it has been a couple of weeks since I wrote to you, but I thought you would appreciate some peace and quiet while we got back into the routine of coming to school.

I am just writing to wish you a happy couple of weeks holiday over the Easter period and to update you on some key information before we break up.

Easter Egg and Bonnet Competitions

Even if it has been tough lately with the COVID restrictions, it was so nice to see so many children and families joining in with our traditional Easter competitions. Children from Nursery to Year 2 made Easter Bonnets and children in Year 3 to Year 6 decorated hard-boiled eggs.

You can see the children's amazing creations on the school's Youtube channel or at <https://www.hunsletcarr.co.uk/latest-info.html>

Leeds City Council's Health and Safety COVID 19 Secure Audit

Yesterday, a member of the Health and Safety team from Leeds City Council came out to assess whether we are a COVID19 secure organisation. The team were on site for over 2 hours and visited all areas of the school.

We were given an outstanding grade with only three small pieces of advice to implement when we get back after the holidays.

1. Even though they were up and have fallen off, they would like us to put the signs regarding space, face, hands on the school railings where parents and visitors stand during drop-off and pick-up.
2. On the porch doors they would like us to add a sign that says only one household is allowed to be in the porch at one time and that a person from a different household would need to wait outside until they leave. (This does not include when children or staff are entering or leaving the building)
3. They would like us to purchase a disinfectant that Leeds City Council use for the playground and park equipment across Leeds. It costs £300 for around 3 litres but once sprayed on the outdoor equipment, it would mean that the children could play safely on there for 90 days, before it would need spraying again.

You will see the signs the first Monday back after the holiday and we will let you and the children know as soon as the playground equipment is safe to use again.

Back to school

The children are back in school on Monday, 19th April.

Please inform school of Positive Covid Cases until Saturday, 3rd April

If your child takes a COVID test and is confirmed as a positive case between now and Saturday, 3rd April, please email martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk and let us know.

This is because children who are confirmed as positive cases on Friday, 2nd and Saturday, 3rd April will have been contagious on Thursday, 1st April, and we will need to contact the parents and carers of children in their class to let them know their child should isolate for 10 days.

If your child becomes positive after Saturday, 3rd April, you should contact NHS Test and Trace and let them take it from there as your child would not have been contagious at school and there would be no action for us to take.

Increased danger within the neighbourhood

With the return to the rule of 6 in outdoor spaces, I am sure parents and carers with older children might be considering letting them play out in the local neighbourhood, especially during the holidays.

I am still worried by what is happening to the children in the neighbourhood when they are out alone. Last night, a child who attends our school was forced off their bike by an older child who threatened them with a knife. Luckily, the boy was able to get home and tell his mum, who called the police and who are now investigating the incident.

From speaking to the children, it is clear children aged 11 - 15 are on the streets around Hunslet Carr after our pupils have gone home and at the weekends, it has been reported that these children are carrying knives or blades that could cause significant harm.

Over the holiday, would you please ensure that if your child plays out, they know how to contact you if they are worried or in trouble and that you check in with them regularly during the day, by either going to see them or through their mobile phone.

Job Opportunities

Our school meals provider, Catering Leeds, are looking for staff to join their teams, working in schools within this area. They pay the Leeds Living Wage (a minimum of £9.30 per hour) and have part time roles which are term time only on offer.

If you are interested, please visit jobs.leeds.gov.uk website and complete an application form.

Happy Easter & Ramadan

I wish you and your family a safe and happy two weeks away from school.

If your family celebrate Easter, I hope it is a very special time for you and that you don't eat too many eggs.

If your family are starting Ramadan during the holidays, I wish you well at this very important time of the year.

Kind Regards, Martin Lumb
Headteacher.