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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support. Students are becoming increasingly independent in monitoring their own transfer windows and complying by washing hands and using hand sanitiser, wearing masks and respecting distance where required. Every day the smooth running of mornings increase, with positive feedback being received by members of the local community. Thank you for continuing to follow Public Health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same.

Face coverings/masks:

If you are able to provide a replacement (spare) mask when your child is using daily masks this would be appreciated as a high number are being required due to straps breaking and needing to go to pastoral offices for replacements.

If your child is using a washable mask please can I remind you that they require a small plastic bag in which to store it in their blazer pocket for ease of access and frequent wearing, whilst keeping it clean for re-use. Please also remember to add this to your very large washing piles!

Car park access:

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to this request, there was a noticeable difference last week. I repeat my request to continue to assist where possible; can you not drop your child off in the front car park but ask them to walk up the road to prevent congestion and potential accidents, especially as the weather is currently being favourable. This secures us greater potential for safe queuing and entry at the front of school. Please do not send your child early as they will not be allowed entry prior to their year group slot.

Absence reporting: Please contact the absence line on 01642 310561 select option 1.

Self -isolation home learning:

Individual self-isolation due to family member testing positive:

All absent students are able to access the work that they would be completing in lessons by accessing their Class Charts account. All staff will be setting work for the week via Class Charts once we have been notified through the attendance line 01642 310561 select option 1. Please expect a one day delay in work being set after we have been notified.

Class isolating due to a directed isolation from the academy:

All absent students are able to access the work that they would be completing in lessons by accessing their Class Charts account in the first instance. We are currently carrying out training with all staff to ensure should this situation arise again all staff will be able to carry out face to face Zoom sessions with students following their usual timetable from home. There has been some success demonstrated in moving towards this provision during last week with students with some very positive feedback being received. Further information will be shared when appropriate.

If your child is required to self-isolate you will receive a phone call and/or email.

Oak National Academy also continues to share additional resources to support home learning.

Contact details:

Please ensure that your contact details are correct should the above or any other situation arise. A minimum of 3 contacts would be greatly appreciated. These can be updated by emailing admin@nunthorpe.co.uk stating your child's name and tutor group and new details.

Year 11 Intervention programme, weekly Tuesday – Friday 3.00pm – 3.50pm:

A schedule for invited sessions will be shared with Year 11 this week. Please encourage your child to attend for us to be able to support their learning and to see period 6 as part of their academy day, not a sanction, but an opportunity to maximise learning and secure potential.

Public Health England launches Every Mind Matters campaign:

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the pandemic. With children and young people now back at school or college, the new Public Health England (PHE) [Better Health – Every Mind Matters campaign](#) provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

The new advice available on the [Every Mind Matters website](#) has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities, including [Young Minds](#), [The Mix](#), [Place2Be](#) and [The Anna Freud Centre](#). It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and support them, and also provides advice that can help maintain good mental wellbeing. The site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

Contacting the academy:

If you have any concerns or queries the most effective communication route at the current time is through email, (due to the significant staff movement and lack of multi occupancy in offices and therefore phone access). Please email your child's tutor, or subject teacher in the first instance. All staff will endeavour to respond within 48 hours. All staff email addresses are on the academy website.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child returns back to education and together we will build their future.

Take care and stay safe

Kate Kell

Head of School