

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Welcome back to Autumn 2. I trust many of you have been able to enjoy your half term together although things may not have been the usual half term experience and many of us were unable to have the breaks we had previously planned. The newly announced lockdown plans from Thursday 5 November are a blow to many but hopefully, by complying, restrictions will be lifted. In the meantime can I please encourage your child(ren) to attend and comply as previously to keep each other safe. I appreciate that the further lockdown may be causing additional stresses but it is essential that we all comply and follow guidance to be able to return to some normality in the future.

**Key reminders which must continue:**

1. **A face covering is a compulsory part of the academy uniform** – these must be provided on a daily basis and a spare in the student's bag (in a plastic bag to keep it clean).
2. **Face coverings:** Must now be worn at all times at the academy when social distancing of 2 meters cannot be adhered to outside of the classroom environment. This means that face coverings must be worn when moving around the corridors, and at social times unless a child is sat down and eating. Once a child stands they must be wearing a face covering. We have introduced this additional tier to prevent social time contact resulting in students being sent home if they are identified as a close contact. This applies to all students and staff for the whole academy, including the sixth form. All measures still apply and further posters have been displayed over the half term break as reminders to students as the reasons for our measures.

The '[Hands. Face. Space.](#)' campaign urges everyone to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates.

3. **Communication with home when isolation is required:** If a student reports symptoms of Covid 19 during the academy day they will be immediately removed from their class and asked to wait in a separate room whilst parents/carers are contacted.

It is essential that we have up to date contact information and that parents/carers make every effort to collect their children when experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.

There may be occasions where after following advice from local health officials and Public Health England the academy has to send whole classes, year groups or the whole academy home. If this happens, affected students will be identified and asked to make contact with parents/carers to gain permission to travel home or be collected. Staff will be available to support this process. Students will be given letters to pass to parents/carers detailing the situation and dates for return. Further contact will be made via text, the academy website, Class Charts and the academy social media feeds.

In this scenario, the academy will endeavor to provide live Zoom lessons for students or provide class work via Class Charts.

4. **Welfare checking during periods of self-isolation:** In the instance of individual students self-isolating, calls will be made to check up on students. This will also be an opportunity to discuss any concerns parents/carers may be having in accessing class work.

Parents/carers can expect the following:

All students will have a first day absence phone conversation with a member of staff. All students will then receive an additional minimum of one call per week of absence. If a student has been identified as being vulnerable, parents/carers can expect daily welfare checks

In the event of a whole class, whole year group bubble or whole academy requiring self-isolation, students will be expected to participate in live Zoom lessons. Attendance to these lessons will be taken by the class teacher. Lessons will run according to the normal timetable.

In the event of students not participating in Zoom lessons, a welfare call will be made by a member of staff. If a student has been identified as being vulnerable, parents/carers can expect daily welfare checks.

5. [positivecovidtest@nunthorpe.co.uk](mailto:positivecovidtest@nunthorpe.co.uk) **out of academy hours** email address to report a **positive student test result notification only**. This will enable us to notify a year group to stay at home whilst track and trace is being completed to prevent any further risk of infection.

#### **Year 7 Flu vaccinations: Thursday 5 November**

If you have returned the consent form for your child to receive the free flu vaccination this will be provided by the NHS on Thursday and students will be collected a class at a time from their lessons and escorted appropriately to and from the designated venue on site.

#### **Year 11 Trial Exams: 16 – 27 November**

All Year 11 students have recently been emailed a separate letter from Mr Purcifer, Year 11 Progress Lead, with key dates for this academic year. However I wanted to note the upcoming trial exams for Year 11, given their increased significance for this year group for them to be able to demonstrate their abilities and have formal evidence of this as we progress towards final exams for this year group and wish them well in their study and revision over the next two weeks to do themselves proud.

We look forward to a successful and productive half term for all of our students.

If you have any queries please remember to direct these via email to your child's form tutor and/or pastoral manager, or specific subject teacher in the first instance, all email addresses are on the academy website [here](#).

Take care and stay safe,

Kate Kell  
Head of School