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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and your children are as excited about returning to the academy as we are to have them back. I am very much looking forward to us re-establishing our academy relationships and community and moving forward.

We appreciate that a number of children, parents and carers may be anxious about the return to the academy having been following lockdown rules closely and limiting interactions and that many members of our community will have variable experiences over the last 7 weeks and will not necessarily have all of the correct equipment, uniform, correct books, work or ho.

We will be taking this into account as we return and will be doing our best to encourage, support and remind students of our routines, standards and expectations as the week progresses. We appreciate that students may be a little unsettled as they arrive at the academy for restart and lateral flow testing with what will be a busy and staggered return. I would however like to reassure you that we have already had a significant percentage of students from years 9 to 13 complete their testing with ease due to the fantastic team we have at hand to support and the excellent way in which our students have listened, followed instructions and worked their way through the signposted one way testing process. It has literally taken a couple of minutes per person.

The process has increased with speed each day and we are expecting minimum impact over the remaining two weeks to ensure all students with consent receive their three supervised tests prior to issuing home testing kits (further information will follow).

If you have missed the opportunity to consent please use this link, it is not too late, this also provides all the information required about the process for you to talk your child through. We will also talk them through the process on the day.

<https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/our-academy/letters/11-01-2021-lateral-flow-testing-consent/>

I am very much looking forward to having our community back together after working through all of the logistical challenges we have had to face and the last 3 days of seeing students arrive for testing and carry it out so maturely fills me with hope and positivity for the weeks to come.

Year 7 and 8: (Please see table below)

Students should only turn up at their allocated slot and report to the turnstile gate next to main reception. Students are expected to arrive in full academy uniform. Students will be required to register for their test and will be guided through this process by trained staff. Once students have been registered they will be tested and then go to their form room to commence lessons. Students will sit in a directed seating plan and parents/carers will receive test results via text and email via the NHS. All students receiving a negative test will remain in the academy and continue their usual staggered time and access their lessons and curriculum as they did prior to lockdown 3. Any student with a positive test will be required to be collected from the academy asap. They will be supervised in a separate room in the main reception building until they are collected. Please contact the academy asap if you receive a positive test result by telephoning 01642 310561 – please make it very clear that your child needs removing from their lesson by a member of the pastoral team.

Week commencing 8 March 2021:

Day	Date	Register on site (studio)	Year Group	Tutor Group
Monday	8 March	9.00am	Year 8	APD
		9.15am	Year 8	ABP
		9.30am	Year 8	CO
		9.45am	Year 8	CSC
		10.00am	Year 8	DBD
		10.15am	Year 8	KB
		10.30am	Year 8	KD
		10.45am	Year 8	LA
		11.00am	Year 8	LM
		11.15am	Year 8	PC
		11.30am	Year 8	SLD
		11.45am	Year 8	STN

Day	Date	Register on site (studio)	Year Group	Tutor Group
Tuesday	9 March	9.00am	Year 7	APM
		9.15am	Year 7	CL
		9.30am	Year 7	EMW
		9.45am	Year 7	EW
		10.00am	Year 7	FG
		10.15am	Year 7	KGW
		10.30am	Year 7	LC
		10.45am	Year 7	LT
		11.00am	Year 7	NHO
		11.15am	Year 7	AH

All students will be tested and back in lessons by Tuesday 9 March, any testing missed due to absence will then be followed up internally and students collected from lessons.

Uniform: Students are expected to return to the academy in full uniform however the academy understands some students uniform may no longer fit them and we would like to reassure parents/carers that best endeavours to ensure their child is appropriately dressed for learning, will be greatly appreciated. We have available donated uniform items at the academy, which we are happy to loan/give to families during the current climate. Can parents/carers please contact their child's pastoral managers to discuss these matters in confidence.

If you are in the process of replacing uniform items, please write a small note in your child's planner to that effect to notify the tutor/pastoral manager and a timely date it can be replaced.

Face masks: It is essential that all students are provided with a face mask from home (unless previous exemption has been agreed). To comply with government updated guidance all students and staff are required to wear face masks at all times in the academy other than when they are sat down and eating or drinking. This includes wearing a mask in all lessons.

Tutors will be going through guidance on how to wear and remove facemasks safely in tutor time week commencing 8th March. Please ensure your child is supplied with a clean plastic bag in which to store their face mask to support this advice when they remove it for eating.

Further information regarding face masks and amendments to the Trust Risk Assessment can be found by following the link <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/news/nmat-trust-risk-assessment/>

I will continue to send weekly updates or more frequent should the need arise, to keep everyone informed as we move through the remainder of the term and academic year.

Many thanks for all of your support to date.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact your child's form tutor, teacher or pastoral manager in the first instance.

Take care and stay safe

Kate Kell
Head of School

Department For Education Advice for parents and carers:

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests

- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Travelling to school safely

As part of your ongoing communications with your pupils and their parents, you may wish to share the following messages on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
 - social distance where possible
 - wash or sanitise your hands regularly
 - be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.