

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Thank you for supporting the academy on our return, over the last few weeks. Students are punctual, dressed smartly in appropriate uniform, arriving well equipped and the majority are very focused and ready for learning. Students are appreciating being back in the academy with their peers and respecting the Covid requirements.

Updating contact details please can you ensure we have 3 up to date contact numbers and correct address if you have moved house recently to ensure our records are up to date in case of emergency. Please email any changes to admin@nunthorpe.co.uk

Regular asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing remains vital.

There has been minimal disruption due to Covid and I would like to thank you and your child(ren) for continuing to support this through the twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

Please remember to record results with both the NHS and with the academy via the website. If you receive a positive test please ensure that you also email positivecovidtest@nunthorpe.co.uk and you will receive an automatic email response with further information required for follow up.

Re-introduction of confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device tests at assisted testing sites in schools and colleges

At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.

Parental Review Evening – Year 7: 12.05.21 4.30pm until 7.30pm

Information on how to make appointments via Schoolcloud for this remote parents evening have been shared via Class charts announcements. Please log into your child's account to access these details.

Parental Review Evening – Year 10: 17.05.21 4.30pm until 7.30pm

Advance notice - Information on how to make appointments via Schoolcloud for this remote parents evening will be shared via Class charts announcements. Please log into your child's account to access these details.

Options choices – Year 9

All options choices submitted have now been allocated and confirmed against the academy curriculum timetable for next year 2021-22. Confirmation of choices will be sent to students via Class Charts over the coming week.

Class Charts for communication

We are in the process of streamlining all our academy communications through Class Charts with the aim of removing other portals and communications by the end of the summer term. To support this process if you have not already downloaded the Class Charts app or have access via the web browser please can I ask you to do this to ensure important messages are not missed. Thank you to the significant majority of parents/carers who already frequently access information about your child(ren) in this way.

The Big Ask - a new national survey of children

[The Big Ask](#), the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England, was launched by the new Children's Commissioner last week. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the pandemic. The results will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Please can you encourage your child(ren) to [complete the survey](#) to ensure that students from Nunthorpe Academy's views are heard.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

An opportunity to share in celebrating the creative achievements of children and young people through the Education Arts Festival

Join us on **Friday 28 May 2021** to celebrate the vital role of the arts in our schools and colleges around the country, and the fantastic work created by children and young people.

This event will take place on Twitter using the hashtag **#EduArtsFest** – we want to fill the platform with the voices of children and young people playing music, performing drama, sharing artwork, poetry, singing, or dancing. After over a year of despair and disruption, let's get back to the creativity and joy which forms such an important part of education.

NSPCC helpline: A new dedicated, confidential helpline will be run by the NSPCC and is available to current or past victims of sexual abuse in Education as well as parents, carers or professionals with concerns. The dedicated NSPCC helpline number is **0800 136 663**, which was live from Thursday 1 April.

This dedicated helpline will offer support to:

- all children and young people making current and non-recent disclosures of sexual harassment or abuse on school grounds within school time, and incidents linked to school in any capacity
- any children or young people who want to talk about being involved or witnessing any incidents
- any adults who have experienced non-recent abuse
- parents and carers who have any concerns about their own or other children
- professionals who work in schools and need support in this or related issues.

Anyone who gets in touch through this dedicated helpline will also be signposted to other relevant support services available, including Childline - which provides ongoing support and counselling to children and young people.

The Report Abuse in Education helpline comes after a high number of anonymous testimonials were submitted to the Everyone's Invited website, documenting abuse in all types of schools, colleges, and universities.

Throughout our pastoral programme, assemblies, students 'Nunthorpe News' and Life lessons we raise significant awareness around safeguarding issues which are mapped across all year groups, and all subjects, to increase the safety and continual learning of topical issues with our students. All students are made aware of our Safeguarding team and how to raise any concerns. Please can you reiterate the message to your child(ren) that we are here to support. [Child Protection Team Information](#).

Ready. Respectful. Safe.

Safeguarding sharing of information from the DfE for parents.

The Internet Watch Foundation have launched a campaign to raise awareness of “self-generated” child sexual abuse material.

In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

Please use the information shared frequently through our social media and website to help you have conversations with your child(ren) about keeping themselves safe on-line and regularly check your child's devices to ensure their safety. If you have any issues please contact your child's pastoral manager.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we will see everyone on Tuesday 4 May.

Take care and stay safe

Kate Kell

Head of School

