



11th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

A very warm welcome back to school. We are delighted to report that the first week back has been very positive and we are all very happy to see our students back in school and ready to learn. It has been especially lovely to meet all our new Year 7 students and Year 12 students as they settle into life at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College.

The beginning of the year can be an exciting time but we must acknowledge that the whole school community is operating in unusual and challenging times due to the coronavirus pandemic. We have been busy this week establishing new routines and safety measures to ensure that school remains a safe place for all our students and staff.

The uniform standards have been generally good and we appreciate the effort everyone has made to ensure their child is suitably attired and adhering to our uniform expectations. In instances where this is not the case any concerns are being followed up. Our Heads of Year and staff are all impressed by the great attitudes to learning our students are displaying in their lessons. Lunchtimes, though very different, have run smoothly and again our students have adapted to these new routines quickly and without complaint. Students are reflecting our expectations and values both in lessons and at social times, which helps to keep us all safe.

Attending school is important and we want all of our students to attend school whenever they can. However, this year, there may be certain times when school will be asking your child not to attend school due to Covid-19. Absences for any child self-isolating do not count against their attendance record.

If your child is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, they must not attend school but must self-isolate at home and arrange to be tested. They must not return to school until the test has come back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.

Please find below a useful covid attendance guide for parents.

Thank you to all parents for your support by not turning up at school without a prior appointment. If you do need to contact school please contact us on the school number 01609 773340 or by email at enquiries@northallertonschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Rahn
Head of School

Covid Attendance Guide for Parents (September 2020)

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<u>What to do if...</u>	<u>Action needed</u>	<u>Return to school when</u>
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest possible return (minimum of 10 days) - Self-isolate the whole household including any siblings who are at NSSFC 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks) AND the child feels well enough to return.
... someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact the school to let us know - Self-isolate - Household member to get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	... the household member test is negative
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us of the result - Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school if they are not well enough - Contact school to inform us - Ring on each day of the illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation

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...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...NHS Test and Trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days - Child can continue to attend school 	...child can continue to attend school
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days - NSSFC children can continue to attend 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempted list of countries	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school - Self-isolate the whole household See *Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) for up to date travel information. 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed`
...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempted list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current list of ‘Exempt countries and territories list’ to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exemption list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	...you have informed the office of your return to the UK

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...I have travelled to a country that requires me to quarantine (but my child didn't travel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have/have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house including to do pickups and drop-offs 	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>... you receive medical advice that your child may return to school</p>
..my child's bubble is closed due to an outbreak of Covid-19 in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your child must not come to school - Support your child at home with remote education provided by the school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days - Other siblings may continue to attend school if they are not in the bubble 	...when school informs you that the bubble will be reopened
...I am unable to get a test for someone in my household who has symptoms	If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation