

14th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately, we have made the very difficult decision to close the school and move to online learning to all students except those classed as vulnerable or children of key workers.

The numbers of students with positive tests has continued to increase during the last few days resulting in a significant number of students self-isolating. We have also got a significant number of staff self-isolating and after taking advice from Public Health it has been decided that the closure of the school until the end of term is the most appropriate way to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school population.

As of tomorrow (Thursday 15th July 2021) until the end of term (Wednesday 21st July 2021), all lessons will be delivered remotely as live lessons, starting with tutor time at 8:45a.m. Students are expected to follow their normal timetable and log onto live lessons on the links provided on their google classroom for that subject. Please note that attendance will be monitored. This evening we will send further guidance on our expectations of students and the support on offer.

As we did in the spring term we will use WebEx as our live lesson platform. Students do not need a microphone or camera as the lessons will be audio-based.

If your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive covid case, they will still need to self-isolate and should not come to school even if they are classed as vulnerable or the child of a key worker. We will ensure each self isolating student is clear about when their isolation comes to an end.

Students are still expected to continue to test twice a week at home until the end of term. Please continue to inform the school of the test results, especially if the result is positive as we will still need to contact trace.

We are trying to minimise the number of children in school. If you are a key worker or parent of a vulnerable child, please only send your child to school if absolutely necessary and please contact the school reception on 01609 773340 or email [response@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:response@northallertonschool.org.uk) by **8.30am on Thursday 15th July 2021** to let us know if you intend to send your child to school. Please note that if you choose to send your child to school they will be accessing the same lessons as students working from home. They will also be expected to attend school in full uniform.

I realise that this is not the end to the school year that we were all hoping for and I would like to thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

We will be in touch very soon regarding arrangements for the Autumn term and moving to the new site.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs V Rahn**  
Head of School