



NORHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / carer

Updates for November 2020

At the end of our first half-term, it's now time for a thorough evaluation of our current policy and practice. Our current Covid-19 risk assessment that has been written in line with the latest government guidelines continues to be deemed as thorough and robust by the Local Authority after regular review. However, as always, the safety of our community remains our top priority so with this in mind, we intend to make a few changes that will secure even tighter measures as we move into the winter. First and foremost, we will continue to focus on enhanced levels of cleaning, handwashing and respiratory hygiene as these are the most effective controls in reducing the spread of Covid-19. We also are introducing some additional measures to ensure groups of pupils are kept separate and that mixing between them is kept to a minimum.

As you know each year group is based in a different 'zone' of the school and will have all their lessons in that zone. We call this the "bubble" system. Year 7, 8 and 9 will be taught in class bubbles and will remain in their class bubble and the same classroom for all lessons. Year 7 and 8 will swap over zones this half term, with Year 8 moving to technology and art and year 7 moving to science. This is due to the size of the year groups and year 8 increasing in number, this academic year. Years 10 and 11 will be taught in year group bubbles, with pupils moving to different classrooms within their zone for lessons.

Year groups will also have break and lunch in their class bubbles, where particular seating will be allocated for both break and lunch to reduce the risk of transmission between different members of the year group, reducing "close contacts". Pupils must keep to this seating whilst in the dining areas; careful consideration has been made to take into account friendship groups as we recognise that social time is a very important part of the school day. There will also be opportunities to have some time outside at these times (weather permitting)

All of the measures above are to ensure that we protect our pupils and staff as much as possible. As the Government outlines, distancing at this time is vital and the measures outlined above will help us to achieve this consistency by continuing to reduce the risk of the infection spreading.

All of us here at Norham High School thank you for your continued support and thank you for continuing to help us all through this most difficult time. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Head of Year or a member of the Senior Team; as always, we are here to help.

Yours

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