



NORHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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## RE: Consenting to COVID-19 testing at Norham High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, we hope this letter finds you, family and friends well – we miss you!

### Education Update:

While we have delivered hundreds of excellent live lessons this week to the hundreds of children working from home, we have also had a small number of children working in school in our COVID secure environment. A huge number of lessons have been a success and this is credit to all, staff, pupils and parents / carers!

Attendance both at school (for critical places) and remotely from home has been nothing other than excellent and I commend all pupils and staff for their excellent interactions securing high levels of learning, engagement and progress. Use of Chromebooks has been exceptional and the investment in your children has been realised.

### Testing Update:

As you know, we intended to test all staff and Year 11 this week before starting testing of lower year groups. However, new (late) changes to guidance asked that we start testing next week, from Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. As such, we have used this week to set up excellent, safe and secure testing facilities.

Please note, the attached letters have been distributed by the Government to all schools nationally, they have **not** been written by schools. As they are Government letters, we have taken the decision not to alter them in any way and so I apologise that they do not have some of the more personal feel or tone our communication normally has.

### Government Letters Attached:

- Letter 1: NHS Test and Trace – for information
- Letter 2: Consent / non-consent form for testing – for completion and return by all
- Letter 3: Ownership of personal data – for information

### Next Steps:

- From Monday 11th we will commence testing staff who are working from school on rota days
- From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> we will commence testing of pupils who are currently attending the school
- Pupils / staff working from school are tested twice - at the start and towards the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week
- No pupils working at home have to be tested due to lockdown, staff testing is being reviewed

As always, I wish you well and please, if you have any questions about any of this, feel free to contact Mr Lamb via email ([darin.lamb@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:darin.lamb@ntlp.org.uk)) or my-self via Face Book / Messenger - you can message or call me directly as “Norham Head”, we provide all these opportunities as we believe no question should remain unanswered.

Take care of each other, and stay safe.

Mr Conway