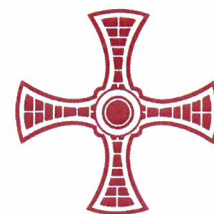




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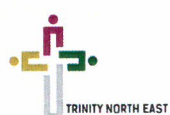
Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have managed to have some kind of break this summer. In school, we are preparing to welcome back students from next week. You have already received a link to the school website giving access to lengthy document detailing the school's risk assessment and re-opening plan. Much of this plan relates to internal school measures, rather than any actions to be taken by students, parents or carers. However, below is a brief summary of the day to day actions or considerations parents and carers will need to be aware of, in order to ensure a successful re-integration to full time education for their child. We hope you find this a useful reminder. These arrangements will be active from the start of term. Obviously, they may be altered, depending on the local/national COVID situation.

Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main route for communication from school to parents/carers will continue to be the text message service and the school website. If you have not yet signed up to the MyEd app, please do so.• Given the need to restrict access to the school site, parents should communicate with the school via telephone or email please. Parents are not permitted into the school reception, other than via a pre-arranged appointment. Pre-arranged appointments will only be put in place where it is essential and the matter cannot be resolved on the telephone or by email.
Start of Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per the letter sent out before the end of last term, Year Groups will come back to school in a staggered fashion this year, to enable a safe start of the new term and its new routines. The arrangements are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wednesday 2 September: Year 7 only- Thursday 3 September: Years 7, 8, 9 and 12- Friday 4 September: All Year Groups• Students are reminded that the usual expectations regarding uniform, hairstyles, makeup, etc., as well as conduct, will be in place. We expect full cooperation from students in these matters, for the good of all.

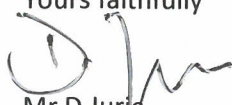


Arrival/Transport /Departure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As many students as possible are encouraged to walk or cycle to and from school. Parents/carers can drop students off by car in the morning, but they should please remain in their vehicle. To ease potential congestion, if possible, please drop your child near school and they can walk the final stretch. If your child is using public or scholars' buses, they must wear a face covering and they should have a small bag to place their mask in, upon arrival at school. Students should tender the exact fare, as there may not be the facility to give change. The fare on the scholars' buses with a Pop Card is £1.10 return. Without a Pop Card, the fare is £1 for a single journey.
Canteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The canteen will be closed for breakfast and at break time until further notice. Lunch will be available in school. Students can bring a packed lunch from home instead. Students will be able to purchase a set meal only for the price of £2 (rising to £2-20 from November, in line with other schools). Students will not be able to purchase individual items. No cash machines will be working in school. Therefore, payment for school lunches will have to be made online via ParentPay. If you have not yet signed up, please do so. To enable safe seating at lunch time, on a rota system, one Year Group will only have access to a school packed lunch, rather than a cooked meal. This Year Group will initially be Year 7. Water dispensers in school will be disabled, so students should bring a water bottle from home each day.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are expected in school and normal attendance/absence procedures will be in place. Parents/carers of any children following specific clinical or Public Health advice must contact school. No students displaying COVID symptoms, from a house where someone is displaying symptoms, or who is self-isolating due to testing positively or a positive test in their household, should attend school. Please refer to this reminder document regarding staying at home (Pages 2-5 specifically): https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf Anyone who develops symptoms in school will be collected and sent home to self-isolate and book a test. Please see the following link: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ Please see the following link on what actions to take following your test: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/what-your-test-result-means/



We appreciate that there are a number of factors to take in, but these are in place for the safety and well-being of all concerned. The school is well prepared for the re-start. Please do follow the guidelines above to facilitate your child's re-integration. We look forward to seeing all students back in school next week.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

