



Normanby News

Monday 21 September 2020

Hello everyone

Thank you for helping us start the new term so well. There have been lots of changes to how we organise the school day and where lessons take place. You've all quickly adapted to these changes and that's made my job and that of all of the staff in school much easier. Every single one of them has commented on how nice it is to see the school full of students again.

School transport

Remember that when you travel on any public transport, including the train into Whitby, you are legally required to wear a face covering. On the dedicated school buses, the bus companies are asking that you wear a face covering or mask. Not only is it keeping you safer when travelling in a confined space with other students who aren't in your bubble, it's also being considerate to other passengers. It's been great to see so many of you doing this and being so compliant when we've reminded you as you've got onto your bus.

A reminder for those of you travelling by train that a replacement bus service will be in operation this week. You should arrive at your normal station at the normal time and the replacement bus will pick you up. All of the taxis that transport students to and from stations will run as normal. Northern Rail are expecting to resume a normal service on Monday 28 September.

Uniform

Thank you for the way in which you've all come back dressed in correct uniform. There are just a few things we still need to get right:

- skirts should be knee length. If your skirt is too short, expect to be tackled about this by one of our members of staff. They'll always challenge you about this politely and remind you about what our expectations are. You can, of course, wear black trouser if you'd prefer to
- trousers should be tailored, with a zip fastening and not jersey, legging or jeans style
- black leather footwear, preferably shoes, with no visible labels and a black sole
- no facial piercings of any description
- only one set of small stud piercings
- natural hair colour.

Thank you for your help with this. It's not fair on the vast majority of others students if you don't follow our uniform code when they've made such an effort to do so.

Paying for food

We're trying to reduce the amount of cash that is brought into school each day. If your parents haven't yet got into the habit of charging your ParentPay account from home, please encourage them to do so. Mrs Pound in the Pastoral Office and Mrs Nedley in the Main Office will be able to help your parents if they need it.

Staggered breaks and lunchtimes

Well done for so quickly getting used around all of the different timings and locations of breaks and lunchtimes. The tables below show when and where each year group is on break and lunch each day.

At break times, please remember that how you enter and exit each of the different locations:

- Main Hall in and out via the side doors to the Main Hall
- Canteen in via the back road and up the steps by Music
Don't come along the Art corridor
Exit onto the main corridor and then immediately turn left to go out of the doors by the Main Hall, opposite C Block
- Learning Centre in and out of the doors from the Quad.

Break times

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Mon	Late	Hall	Late	LRC	Late	Canteen	Early	Hall	Early	Canteen
Tues	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen
Wed	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen
Thurs	Late	Hall	Early	Canteen	Late	LRC	Early	Hall	Late	Canteen
Fri	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen

At break time, please stay in the area that has been set aside for your year group. You need to respect the fact that other year groups are in lessons when you're on break.

Lunch times

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Mon	Late	Hall Field by C Block	Late	Canteen Tennis courts	Late	LRC Field by Drama hut	Early	Hall Tennis courts	Early	Canteen Field by Drama hut
Tues	Early	Hall Field by C Block	Late	Canteen Field by C Block	Early	Canteen Field by Drama hut	Late	Hall Tennis courts	Late	LRC Field by Drama hut
Wed	Early	Hall Tennis courts	Late	Canteen Tennis courts	Early	Canteen Field by C Block	Late	Hall Field by C Block	Late	LRC Field by Drama hut
Thurs	Late	Hall Field by C Block	Early	Canteen Field by C Block	Late	Canteen Field by Drama hut	Early	Hall Field by Drama hut	Late	LRC Tennis courts
Fri	Early	Hall Field by C Block	Late	Canteen Field by C Block	Early	Canteen Field by Drama hut	Late	Hall Field by Drama hut	Late	LRC Tennis courts

From this week, there are designated outside areas for students in different year groups at lunchtime. There are 3 separate areas:

- the Tennis Courts
- the section of the field outside the C Block near the entrance road
- the section of the field alongside the Drama hut.

Please keep to your year group's designated area and do not mix with students from other year groups.

Movement on corridors

We've made some changes to how you move in and around site.

- Year 11 – you now know to use the outside doors to come in and out of N1 and N2; that you access N6 and N9 from the middle doors adjoining the Learning Centre; and go in and out of N10 using the doors on the Quad next to it. In this way we avoid using the N Block corridor it at all possible.

Some important changes from this week.

- There is now a **one way system in the Science block**. The doors from the Quad are 'Entrance only', whilst those downstairs by S4 are now 'Exit only'. All year groups should leave the Science block through these doors. It doesn't matter which Science lab you're in. Follow your Science teachers' instructions about how to leave the S Block.



There may be other changes in the coming weeks.

It's really important that you think about how you're travelling from one part of the school to another. If at all possible, use an outside route.

Helping keep the school safe

There are several ways in which we can all help keep one another safe in school



Follow the one way systems around school and keep apart from students who are in other year bubbles, particularly at break and lunchtimes.

Respect the fact that your teachers will also want to keep their distance from you and other members of staff whenever possible.

Remember – they have to move from bubble to bubble to teach throughout the day.

Library books and ICT equipment

Thank you to everyone who has brought back library and textbooks from last year that they'd had at home during the lockdown. Can you have one last look around your bedroom and bring in any copies that you come across. Ms Mackle is busy scanning in all of the returns and

Mrs Harrison

We heard from Mrs Harrison last Monday to tell us that she'd had a baby boy who she and her husband are naming Jos. Both she and the baby are doing well and I'm sure it won't be too long before she will bring him into school to visit us all. I'm sure you'll want to join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Harrison on their new arrival.

Hot Chocolate Friday

One of the things I really missed during lockdown was Hot Chocolate Friday. After what is often a really busy week filled with meetings, I always look forward to sharing Friday break time with a group of students who've been nominated by their teachers. And of course, with staggered break times, I can now fit in not one but two Hot Chocolate Friday's each week... this year with chocolate biscuits too! Well done to the students in Years 7 and 8 who've been nominated so far. After a few more weeks celebrating the excellent start made by our younger students, I intend to look for nominations from Years 9, 10 and 11 once we get into October.



And finally...

A big 'thank you' this week to all of those adults in school who help me and all of the teachers do our jobs each week – the ladies in the main office; our technicians; our teaching assistants; our cleaners; Mrs Dale and her staff in the kitchens; Mrs Wood, Mrs Pound, Ms Nightingale and Mr Taylor in the Pastoral Office; and Mr Gilpin and Mr Cowey from our site team. Every single one of them is committed to helping us teachers help you to be the best you can be. When you see any of them around site, say 'hello' and thank them for the job they do. It'll mean a lot to them!

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