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Dear Parent/Carer

This week we welcomed All of our pupils back to Northfield Academy. I am pleased to say that routines we went through during the induction days were followed and I am very proud of how well our pupils have adapted to one way systems and staggered starts.

I would like to provide you with some key information:

### **Prevent the spread of COVID-19 – Schools**

Anyone who:

- has the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) – a new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and/or taste – should stay at home and arrange for coronavirus testing;
- is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms should stay at home and follow the relevant advice;
- has returned (or come) to Scotland from a country which is not exempt from the UK quarantine rules, should stay at home following the relevant guidance.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 require all those returning to Scotland from non-exempt countries to self-isolate at home or in another appropriate location for 14 days. Those self-isolating should not go out to work or school or visit public areas.

As you will know, the list of exempt countries has been changed in recent days, with the removal of some countries, including France and the Netherlands, where people in Scotland commonly spend their holidays.

We attach a link to the relevant guidance:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/overview/>

and to the list of exempt countries

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/exemptions/>

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Directors of Public Health and local health protection teams are available to offer further support where there are concerns.

### **Attendance**

A frequently asked question at this time is:

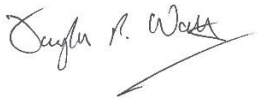
*I'm worried about the local restrictions and would rather my child doesn't attend school. Can my child access the curriculum remotely like before?*

As we welcome children back into school buildings, it will not be possible to offer a digital curriculum. Teaching staff will be working to support children and young people in person.

If a child is not in school due to advice from a medical practitioner, please discuss this situation with your child's Principal Teacher of Guidance.

As we settle into the new term, I will be in regular contact with any new or updated information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas R. Watt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Douglas Watt  
Head Teacher