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Dear Parent / Carer

I write with my final letter of session 20/21 to provide information for pupils returning after the summer. This has certainly been an unprecedented year for both staff and pupils alike, with lockdowns due to Covid 19, digital learning, an alternative certification model for SQA courses and a fire!

Through all of this adversity, pupils and staff have come together and risen to the challenges set before them with good humour and a huge amount of resilience. Please see below for some information regarding returning to school for session 21/22.

Covid Mitigations

We will be returning on 17th August still following the current Covid mitigations in school until such time as these are reviewed and amended by the Scottish Government. These are as follows:

- All pupils and staff must wear face coverings / masks at all times whilst in the school building unless exempt.
- A one way system will remain in operation and pupils will use outdoor corridors to move between teaching areas..
- Pupils should enter the school building at the entrance nearest to their first class of the day.
- There will continue to be no registration classes; BGE phase pupils should arrive between **8.40am-8.50am** and proceed to their first class. Senior phase pupils should arrive between **8.50am-9.00am** and proceed to their first class. BGE phase pupils will be released 10 minutes at the end of the school day minimise crowding in corridors.
- PE changing rooms continue to be out of use so pupils should arrive in PE kit on days where they have this timetabled.

School Uniform

As per my letter of 7th May 2021 all pupils will be expected to return for session 21/22 wearing the appropriate school uniform. Please see my previous letter for details of what to wear or alternatively contact the main school office.

Aspire to be outstanding

New S1 Intake

New S1 pupils should report to the main entrance of the school at 8.40am and proceed to the canteen hall where they will be met by staff and PSA's and will be escorted to classrooms to begin their induction.

Covid-19 Testing Programme

New S1 pupils

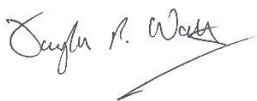
Northfield Academy is offering twice weekly lateral flow testing for pupils at the school. Details of the programme, which started earlier this year, can be obtained via the following link - <https://northfield.aberdeen.sch.uk/?p=1331>. This contains information on the programme including FAQs. Parents who would like to provide consent for their child to participate in the testing programme should do so via the following form - <https://forms.gle/cU8ztnuUz9my7gcj8>. Participation in the testing programme is voluntary but is encouraged as a measure to reduce the spread of covid-19. Testing using the universal offer detailed below is encouraged for S1 pupils over the summer holidays and sufficient supplies should be obtained to cover at least the first week of term in August. Thereafter, test kits will be distributed during PSE classes.

S2 -S6 pupils

The provision of lateral flow tests for consenting S2 – S6 pupils will be suspended over the summer holiday with distribution of tests scheduled to recommence on the return to school in August. However, young people are encouraged to continue to test over summer by making use of the universal testing offer. Information on how to obtain lateral flow tests for the holiday period can be obtained via the following link - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested/pages/no-covid-symptoms/>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school over the last academic year and I wish you and your families a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Douglas Watt
Head Teacher