



#### Whole school information

##### **COVID-19 update**

Covid-19 is within our school community. We appreciate your support whilst we manage staff absence and deep cleaning by closing classes this week. We will attempt to give you as much notice as possible as we understand the impact this has on you at home.

Public Health England have given us advice to share with staff and families.

If your child has any symptoms which mean they are presenting as unwell, please keep them at home. Covid-19 symptoms are varied and are not always classified within the 3 typical symptoms. This will support reducing the spread at school.

We will continue to send children home who are symptomatic. If your child has a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

##### **NHS TEST and TRACE**

The NHS test and trace system will still operate, and this means we may contact you again if you have further confirmed COVID-19 cases in either staff or pupils. NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

From 16th August 2021 Close contacts and isolation- individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children who are aged under 5 years old who are identified as close contacts will only be advised to take a PCR test if the positive case is in their own household.

##### **Confirmatory PCR tests**

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

It is also vital that staff adhere to social distancing with colleagues and others where possible. You should:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

##### **Department for Education:**

The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24 September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call **119** free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

### School Uniform - Simply First



Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed the way they operate their shop.

Parent/carers are now being directed to the website:

[www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk](http://www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk) to place orders. You will then be sent an invoice for payment, and once payment has been received the

order will be processed and you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect.

Payments are made via bank transfer using their order name and invoice number (really important) as payment reference.

### Our School Day

Please be reminded of the school times.

Student Arrival and Registration	8.55 – 9.05 – Taxi drop off 9.00 – 9.10 – Parent drop off
Morning Session	09.10 – 11.40
Lunch Session (30 minutes within this time)	11.40 – 13.10
Afternoon Session	13.10 – 14.20
Pupil Departure and Pastoral Time	14.20 – 14.35 – Taxi collection 14.30 – 14.40 – Parent collection

### Attachments

### Upcoming dates from the school calendar

Half term:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**, school reopens to all students **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the 2021-2022 school holidays.