



20 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT UPDATES

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how impressed I have been with the positive atmosphere around school since we returned from the Easter break. Smiles have been in abundance and I cannot count the number of students who have asked me how I am when I have greeted them on duty! In addition, standards of uniform are high, and I would like to thank parents/carers for all their support with ensuring that this is the case.

PE kit & uniform

As the country begins to lift COVID restrictions, we have been able to review and adjust our risk assessment for students changing for PE. Therefore, from Monday 26th April (this coming Monday), all students are required to attend **every** day in full school uniform. If your child has PE, they will be expected to bring their PE kit with them in their bag and get changed in the PE changing rooms at the start of the lesson and then change back into full school uniform at the end of their PE lesson, as in previous years. We will be increasing the cleaning in those areas after classes leave the changing rooms and students will be required to wipe down the area they changed in, to mitigate against any risk of possible transmission.

Just as a gentle reminder, our PE kit is as follows:

- HHS PE t-shirt
- HHS Black PE hoody
- Plain black shorts/joggers/leggings
- Trainers

Compulsory school uniform:

- HHS jacket
- HHS trousers or skirt
- HHS clip-on tie
- Long or short sleeved HHS shirt
- Plain black socks
- Plain black leather shoes - no high heels, trainers (inc. leather Nike shoes), boots, pumps, or other fabric shoes will be allowed

Staff training days

I would like to remind you that this Friday (23rd April) is a staff training day, therefore students will not be in school. In addition, we have made the decision as a school to calendar an **additional staff training day on Monday 21st June 2021**. Please note that students should not come into school on this day. Please find a link to our term dates [Harrogate High School | Northern Star Academies Trust - Term dates](#).





Parent's Forum

As many of you will be aware, pre-lockdown, we regularly held meetings of the HHS Parents' Forum. I would like to organise a virtual meeting for interested parents (I will be in touch with those parents who were previously involved very soon!) next half-term. In this meeting we will discuss next steps for the forum and ways of working that will promote parents and school working together. If you would be interested in attending this meeting (date to be confirmed), please email TCloggie@harrogatehighschool.co.uk.

COVID-19 home testing kits

Those students whose parents/carers have consented to home testing will be receiving further testing kits. Testing kits will be issued by the school on a fortnightly basis. Please continue to report the results from these lateral flow tests both to NHS Test and Trace [here](#) and to HHS [here](#) (we thank you for your support with this so far). For students currently isolating, for ease, home testing kits can be obtained from school by making prior arrangements with Reception (01423 548800, admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk).

However, you may be interested to know that parents of school-aged children are now also able to collect 2 packs of home testing kits from a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests, and anyone aged 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. Please do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#)

You can alternatively order 1 pack of home testing kits containing 7 tests for home delivery. Your tests should arrive within 2 days.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

Reminder

Finally, please can I remind you not to send your child in to school if they have any of the symptoms of Coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell) or if they or a close contact/immediate family member has tested positive.

Thank you for your continued support in this forever changing landscape.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Greenwood
Head of School

