

**Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020**

**PUBLIC HEALTH'S HALF-TERM CONCERNS – THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-ISOLATING**

Public health officials in North Lincolnshire are concerned that half term could bring a big rise in cases in North Lincolnshire putting older people at risk.

Jilla Burgess-Allen, a public health consultant, said:

“School leaders have gone to remarkable lengths to adapt to Covid-19 and keep their pupils and staff safe. But even with all the correct measures in place in schools, it is what happens outside the school gates that is causing concern.

“It’s no good keeping to bubbles, social distancing and good hand hygiene in schools and then ignoring all the guidance when the school day is over.

“With half term coming next week, there is a real risk that younger people with time on their hands ignore the rules, causing a spike in the numbers in North Lincolnshire.

“I know getting younger people to follow the rules is difficult, but I am asking every parent to talk to their children stressing the importance of the hand, face, space message. They may feel invincible, or understand that the health risks to themselves are relatively low, but the impact they can have by spreading the virus to older people can be devastating.”

“Self-isolation for people who have symptoms, are waiting for a test, have tested positive or been contacted by NHS track and trace is also vital to stop the spread of the virus. This applies to everyone including our young people. Staying at home for a few days might be inconvenient, but it is much better than passing the virus to friends, relatives and the wider community.

“I want our young people to enjoy the half-term, but to do so safely to protect the most vulnerable in North Lincolnshire.”

**NHS COVID 19 MAIN SYMPTOMS:**

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if you are worried about your symptoms or you are unsure what to do. Call 111 if you cannot get help online. To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

**GUIDANCE AROUND SELF-ISOLATING:**

We have had conversations with a number of families about concerns regarding pupils/families not isolating when asked to do so and being seen out and about in the community when infection rates, particularly in Scunthorpe North, are high. It is important that you follow the self-isolating guidance to help keep everyone as safe as possible, especially during the half term period. We understand that it may be tempting to go out during the October half term but if you are self-isolating please follow the guidance you have been given.

- If you or anyone in your household is showing COVID 19 symptoms, the whole household will need to self-isolate for 14 days from onset of symptoms.
- If you are awaiting a test or test results, the whole household will need to self-isolate until the test results are received and follow the guidance from the results.

- ❖ Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- ❖ Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.
- If you have been contacted through NHS test and trace, please follow the advice given regarding self-isolating.

## COUNTDOWN TO OASIS HORIZONS

Oasis Horizons will provide every student and teaching staff member with an iPad for use in, and outside of school while they are a member of the Oasis Academy Henderson Avenue family. Due to the size of the project it will take a little while for the iPads to be prepared and distributed. We will receive the devices in the **Summer term 2021**.

## REMINDER - HALF-TERM BREAK

The academy will close for the half-term break on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020** and re-open on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**.

## TRAINING DAYS

Important – please note:

The academy will be closed for **ONE DAY ONLY** on **FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** for a teacher-training day.



## DIARY DATES

### **OCTOBER**

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Academy closes for half term

### **NOVEMBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Academy re-opens

**20<sup>th</sup>** Staff training day (academy closed for one day only)

### **DECEMBER**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Flu Immunisations (F2 – Year 6)

**17<sup>th</sup>** Academy closes for Christmas Break

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

F2D	<b>96.99%</b>	3SC	<b>93.97%</b>
F2N	<b>100%</b>	4FB	<b>90.15%</b>
F2T	<b>95.73%</b>	4P	<b>96.15%</b>
1BB	<b>94.33%</b>	4S	<b>96.43%</b>
1DB	<b>98.97%</b>	5G	<b>97.33%</b>
1P	<b>94.76%</b>	5H	<b>97.00%</b>
2A	<b>97.33%</b>	5M	<b>91.39%</b>
2AH	<b>95.56%</b>	6C	<b>94.14%</b>
2B	<b>98.21%</b>	6CM	<b>95.65%</b>
3A	<b>98.85%</b>	6N	<b>94.70%</b>
3B	<b>93.84%</b>	TOTAL	<b>95.83%</b>

Well done to **F2N** on achieving **100%**!

