

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the summer holiday, I hope this letter finds you and your family to be safe and healthy.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into Year 7 at North Huddersfield Trust School. I'm sure you are aware that there remains a number of restrictions designed to minimise any further transmission of coronavirus which means we have to adapt the way the school day is designed. These changes will ensure that we meet the requirements established in the latest government guidance on maintaining year group 'bubbles', minimising multiple access to areas, rooms, surfaces and equipment, building deep cleaning into any access timetable and ensuring staff are protected in line with the recommendations on social distancing.

In order for us to ensure all these arrangements are in place, we are moving the beginning of the academic year back by one day to **Thursday 10 September**. Furthermore, to support your child's transition to secondary school, the new Year 7 will be the only year group in school on this day. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:30am on Thursday 8 September in full school uniform (please see the bulletpoints below for information on ties). I appreciate that you may want to accompany your child to school as they begin their time at NHTS but please ensure you take note of the advice below and avoid coming all the way to the school gates with them. There will be lots of school staff on hand to support them as they arrive.

A series of measures will be put in place which will be explained in full to your child during the course of their first day in school. I will write to you with confirmation of all of these once they are on roll at NHTS but some of the key measures are included below:

- School start time will remain the same for all students
- There will be a staggered finish time which will be confirmed in due course. For the first day, this will be 2:40pm for Year 7
- All students are expected to attend school unless ill or needing to self-isolate – normal absence procedures need to be followed
- All students are required to bring an appropriate school bag
- Year 7 students will be issued with stationery including a pen, pencil, ruler etc

- Full uniform is to be worn - each year group will be issued with a different colour of tie which will be provided free of charge (this is a temporary measure whilst restrictions remain in place)
- On the days when students have PE, they are to wear school PE kit for the whole day; there will be no use of the PE changing rooms
- On arrival at school each year group will have its own entrance to use – this will be explained as part of the induction process
- Each year group will have its own designated outside area which must only be used as directed
- Each year group will have a different break time
- Lunchtimes will be split to ensure year group bubbles can be maintained
- There will be no hot food service and the canteen will not be available in which to congregate during break time or lunchtime – when the weather is inclement, classrooms will be made available
- Each year group will have its own designated area of the school building for the majority of its lessons. There will still be the opportunity to use specialist facilities for some subjects
- Hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom and around the school site
- Unless specifically agreed, driving or walking onto the school site to drop your children off is not allowed
- I strongly encourage you not to drive or walk to the school gates but to find an alternative drop off location – there will be no access to the care home car park at any time
- If you walk with your child to school, please say goodbye to them at the end of the school street, at the corner of Woodhouse Hall Road. No parent/carer will be allowed on site unless a specific arrangement has been made with me or a member of my senior team

Thank you in advance for your support. Please ensure your child brings their completed 'Student Passport' booklet which you will receive during the course of the next week. This will help support team building activities.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to officially welcoming your child to NHTS in September.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Fell
Headteacher

