

Dear parents, carers and students,

Covid-19 Updates

Sadly, as I am sure many families and students are all too aware, Covid-19 remains present both within the school, locally and nationally. In light of this, please can I remind everyone of the need to sustain the following:

- Students who travel on the school buses should be wearing a face covering;
- All students are encouraged to continue with twice weekly at home lateral flow test and logging their results on the NHS website;

As a school we continue to do all that we can to minimise risk to everyone in Team Sherburn, whilst adhering to the latest government guidance. This includes the sustaining of increased daily cleaning, encouraging young people to sanitise their hands on entry into classrooms, increased ventilation and weekly reviews of our risk assessment. If your child requires home testing kits, please ask them to go to Student Reception to collect these during their lunch or break.

Google Classrooms

Did you know that every time a member of staff sets work on Google Classroom an alert is sent via email to a student? I know that for some students this has been a little confusing, and I would urge anyone that is confused, to contact their class teacher directly and to make sure that they are recording their homework and deadlines in their planner to help to organise themselves.

You might also find it useful to read the attached guide.

Parking

I know with the cold weather and dark nights that many parents/carers are collecting their child from school, however, some people seem to be parking in the housing estate outside of the side gate. Parking here is causing some issues for our local residents as there are a number of parents blocking access to houses. It's a similar picture on New Lane, where some parents/carers are parking on the road instead of coming into the correct car park.

Please, if everyone uses the car park on New Lane, as intended, everyone should be able to enter and exit the site swiftly. Thank you for your support in this.

Student's Planners

Can I remind parents/carers that students' planners need signing every week. This is a good opportunity to check your child's homework, Back to Basic comments and positive comments. If you want to alert your child's form tutor to anything, you can write a note in there too.

Lost Property

From sleeping mats and sleeping bags left on coaches after Bushcraft, to lovely winter coats and even full PE kits we have an ever-growing mountain of lost property! Please could parents/carers write their child's name in their property so that we can return things to their rightful owners. And, if you think you may be missing something, come and check with reception. Any lost property not claimed by the end of half term will be donated to charity.

A Moment to Celebrate Team Sherburn!

The last two weeks have flown by and despite the wind, rain and some on-going building work we have achieved so much that it's worth taking a moment to celebrate the following:

- Record numbers of visitors at our Open Evening last week. I have lost count of the number of emails I have had in praise of the young people who braved the weather to help out on the evening. From our fabulous tour guides, experts in subject areas, the overwhelming message in the emails received is that "The students are a credit to you!" And they were – and to their support teams who made sure they were dropped off and picked up so that they could help, thank you.
- Our Supporting Success events for our post 16 and Year 11 students. It was fantastic to see parents, carers and students in the flesh after what feels like ages in the virtual world. Information about the Year 11 event will be conveyed to students in assembly next week, be on our website and look out for a Year 11 letter early next week with a reminder of the key messages from the event.
- Our Year 7 Parent maths mornings where parents and carers have battled through some tricky maths problems alongside our students.
- And of course, our successful Year 8 residential visit to Castle Howard, where our brave year 8s and staff, honed their survival skills!

And finally...

Another example of students being a credit to Team Sherburn, but this time outside of school.

Well done to the boys in Year 10 who play for Sherburn White Rose. This group of boys went out litter picking this week, being a credit to school, club and community!

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sun stays out and as always thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

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