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Rainbow of Resilience continued

What a cheerful way to welcome each year group back to school on Monday! Thanks to the Ashton family for their beautiful contribution to the Rainbow of Rural Resilience.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

At the end of our first full week in school, I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for making such a success of our 'Ready to Reconnect' approach. Students have been **Ready, Respectful and Safe** and have been able to adapt to the changes we have put in place to keep the whole school community safe.

It has been wonderful to hear the sound of laughter and friendship at break and lunchtimes. On Wednesday, the smell of freshly baked bread from Room 7 was a real treat. Everywhere I go in school, I find students, teachers and other support staff are getting on with the important work of reconnecting with learning and focusing on future achievements.

There are some important reminders in this newsletter about safety routines and expectations, please continue to discuss this at home with your child. We will continue to keep our risk assessment under regular review and will update you about any changes.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Year 7

We are delighted that the newest recruits to Team Nidderdale have made such a positive start at school. After two days of transition activities last week, they have settled into secondary school life with apparent ease. As part of an extended transition programme this year we would like all Year 7 to take part in our Outdoor Education programme. Each of our Form Groups will be challenged by Mr Couldwell, our Outdoor Education teacher, to join their form tutor in climbing their 'House Hill' - Ingleborough, Pen-y-Ghent and Whernside. Year 7 parents, watch out for Mr Couldwell's letter with more details.



Coronavirus Guidance

Last week we sent out further guidance regarding **Attendance and Covid-19**, a helpful table giving guidance on what to do if you think that your child might be exhibiting the symptoms of coronavirus, or have been in touch with someone who has a diagnosis.

We have clear protocols within school that we can follow if a child feels unwell after arriving at school, but I strongly urge all parents to consult this document which explains when you should NOT send your child into school. Over the last week we have had contact from parents seeking clarity over the symptoms of COVID-19.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature;
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

For most people, Covid-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have Covid-19. Please ensure that you inform the school of your concern and again when you have a positive or negative response to any test; this information will allow us at school to support you by recording accurately the time needed for isolation, if at all necessary.

[Click here to view the table.](#)

[Click here to see the NHS Guide to Keeping Your Child Off School – helpful guidelines](#)

We are recruiting!

See our advert and detail for a School Administrator on the website:

<http://nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/recruitment/>

Open Evening

This year we are really sorry that we will not be able to open our doors to prospective parents making their secondary school choices. Normally this is a time when many of our students from Years 7 to 11 volunteer as tour guides and subject helpers, demonstrating in so many ways that they are #ProudtobeTeamNidd. We are working hard on our plans for a Virtual Open Evening on 8th October and will be looking for student volunteers to be part of our pre-recorded tour and subject demonstrations.

If any parents would like to share a few words about why they are proud to be Team Nidd, please get in touch.

Rule of Six

Whilst students will spend most of their school day with more than six people, children are included in the new rules regarding the limit on the number of people who can gather in public or in homes and gardens. Students who gather in the park or go to the shops at the end of the school day are reminded to follow the new Government 'Rule of Six'.

Reminders

1. As students will spend the majority of their break and lunchtime outside, it is really important that they bring a coat to school.
2. All students, except those who are exempt for medical / SEN reasons, are required to have a clean face mask with them each day to wear on school transport and at key times during the day. Ideally this should be a reusable mask which can be washed each day, as disposable masks are for single use and students would require several of these each day.

GCSE results

We were delighted to have been able to recognise the hard work, resilience and achievement of our Year 11 students with GCSE and BTEC grades last month. Each year the school's final teacher assessments and grade forecasts are incredibly accurate when compared to actual exam results and that's why we were so pleased that most students were awarded grades that reflected the Centre Assessed Grades the school had submitted.

We are very proud of this group of students who have excelled across a wide range of subjects including those students who have once again been fortunate enough to work with professional craftspeople at Number 6 Studio in Pateley Bridge to achieve a GCSE in Art, Craft and Design.

The grades our students received were a result of their hard work and commitment and the excellent support of their parents and other family members. They were also the product of the skill, expertise and professionalism of their teachers and other support staff.

We wish our students all the very best of Team Nidderdale luck and success now that they have moved onto Sixth Forms, Colleges and Apprenticeships.