



NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

Our Ref: TJ/JJA

29 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Full School Re-Opening: Wednesday 30th March 2022

I am pleased to say that staff absence levels have now reduced to a level which allows us to re-open the school fully, with effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 30th March.

We remain in a fragile situation and a significant number of lessons will, inevitably, need to be covered until staffing levels return to normal. I would ask you once again to reinforce with your children the importance of extending the same levels of respect towards teachers covering lessons as they would towards their normal class teachers. The pandemic has led to significant gaps in students' learning and every lesson plays a crucial role in filling them.

Although we are disappointed to have needed to implement the contingency framework, the impact would have been significantly greater without the good will and support of the staff, who have been phenomenal in going the extra mile to cover absent colleagues, both in lessons and during break and lunchtimes. I am sure that you would want to echo my thanks to everyone involved in what has been a real team effort at a particularly challenging time.

We hope that staffing levels will continue to improve and that we do not need to move to remote education again. As always, we will offer you as much notice as possible if we find ourselves in a position where we are again forced to do so.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr T Johnson
Headteacher