



# NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's good to be back! A school without students is a strange and silent place bereft of concentration, laughter and creativity. Once again, we can now hear the buzz of learning, the camaraderie between staff and students and the joy of being part of a large community.

Of course, things are quite a bit different in school for all of us as we adapt to the structures that we have had to put in place to ensure that we make the College as Covid safe as we can. Our procedures are under constant review as we adapt to our own context and updated guidance from The Department of Education and Public Health England.

Thank you for your support in preparing your son/daughter for learning with uniform, equipment, face coverings and lunch. From next week it will be possible to pre-order lunches via the Fusion app and I understand that you have already received a letter about how the app operates.

I am asking for your support on another matter. Some students who live locally have been arriving at the College before 8.30am. This is difficult for us to manage since it is hard for us to provide supervisory cover. Where possible, I would request that your son/daughter arrives at school shortly after 8.30am.

I have been hugely impressed with student compliance to our Covid procedures, such as the wearing of face coverings on corridors, remaining in year group bubbles, and the use of hand sanitiser. It is in the interest of us all that we continue to follow this strict regime at all times. The last thing we need is closure or partial closure of the College.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing body which we are very keen to fill. Should you be interested please drop an email to [admin@nortoncollege.net](mailto:admin@nortoncollege.net) and someone will call you to discuss the role.

I have been contacted by North Yorkshire Police who have asked me to request your support in reinforcing the new rules on social groups that comes into operation on Monday – no more than six people in a group.

This is the end of my first week at Norton College and I have really enjoyed it. Staff are glad to be back and so are the students, who are adapting well to all the changes. I will be at the College every day each week apart from Thursdays when Mr Johnson the Head designate will be here. From half term Mr Johnson will be here full time as Headteacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

P Whelan  
Headteacher