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Dear Parent/Carer

REMINDER: COVID-19 Measures

We know this is a very uncertain time and so, to reassure you, we thought it might be helpful to remind you what we have put in place to minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus in school.

- Pupils have been placed in year group bubbles, the size of each bubble is consistent with the size of the year group. Sixth form is classed as one bubble as the combined numbers in Year 12 and 13 are similar to lower school year bubble sizes.
- Year group bubbles do not mix during the school day as they are taught in different zones of the school. Where possible, pupils are in the same teaching group except for older pupils where it is necessary for them to mix for option subjects. In all cases, they are still within their own year group bubble.
- Year group bubbles have their breaks in different venues and at split times.
- Break time is 10.15-10.30 and 10.45-11.00 and over split venues.
- Lunches are also split over separate venues and at staggered times. This allows us to keep pupils separate and gives time to clean areas between year group bubbles.
- Toilets are cleaned thoroughly between sessions to ensure the risk of transmission is minimised between the year groups.
- Every classroom has a hand sanitiser gel dispenser, tissues for pupils to use, and lidded bins for used tissues. We also promote the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach.
- Staff and pupils must wear face coverings, masks, or shields when moving between lessons, on corridors and in communal areas at break and lunchtime or where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- We have 3 school entrances on Ryhope Road in operation with staggered start times for each year group.
    - 8.30 Sixth Form Sixth Form Entrance
    - 8.30 Year 7 Main Drive Entrance
    - 8.30 Year 8 Pupil Pathway
    - 8.45 Year 11 Main Drive Entrance
    - 8.45 Year 10 Pupil Pathway
    - 9.00 Year 9 Pupil Pathway

Where there may become a potential for year group bubbles to mix is when pupils are dropped off or arrive at the school **at the incorrect time slot** for their year group. See above.

How can you support us with minimising the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within the school and our community?

Please ensure that your child

- arrives or is dropped off at school at their allocated time slot and not before.

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- has a face covering and knows the importance of why they need to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained ie in corridors and communal areas etc
- understands that minimising the risk of transmission of coronavirus in school and the community is a collective responsibility for all of us, pupils, staff, parents and other members of the local community.
- does not come to school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Thank you for your on-going support, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Miss Garner
Acting Headteacher