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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer holidays as a family. Thank you for all your support last year, especially during the summer term when it became very challenging for all due to multiple bubbles needing to isolate. I am hoping with the new guidance that there will be less disruption in 2021/22 however this depends on any new variants, the number of positive cases and the effectiveness of the vaccination programme.

During 2020/21 we put a number of controlled measures in place which were included in the previous risk assessment, however since the government relaxed a number of controls over the summer holidays I have worked with school staff to review the control measures. **Please see table below for controls that will remain and be removed when pupils return on Friday 3rd September 2021:**

Controls that will REMAIN	Controls that will be REMOVED	Activities RE-INTRODUCED
Pupils will be collected at taxi time by staff from their own bubbles.	One way system	Primary and Secondary/Post 16 assemblies (personal choice to wear masks)
Hand sanitising throughout the school day.	Wearing of face masks in communal areas/ offices/ classrooms – unless the pupil or member of staff choose to continue to wear a face mask.	Face to face training for staff (personal choice to wear masks)
Wearing face masks on transport unless exempt.	Limited capacity of rooms/offices/lifts/toilets.	Friday extra-curricular activities for Secondary/Post 16 pupils
Limit number of pupils eating in the dining hall and other classes eating dinners in their classroom.	Limited use of food technology/cookery rooms.	Choir practice and playing instruments face to face.
Ventilation in rooms – doors and windows to be open as much as possible.		Pupils changing for PE into their PE kit at school to develop their independent skills.
Additional cleaning including on the minibuses		Swimming
Visitors in school to wear masks and staff meeting visitors to also wear masks.		Lessons/activities out in the community via walking or school minibus.



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Some classes continue to have stationary kits for each pupil.		Classes to use food technology/cookery rooms.
Staggered playtimes		Prospective parent visits during school day but to continue to wear masks.
Staff weekly briefings via TEAMS		Monthly staff meetings face to face (personal choice to wear masks).

Latest guidance for those experiencing COVID symptoms or if you are contacted as a close contact:

- Staff/ pupils who are experiencing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), will not attend the school and advised to self-isolate. Staff/Parent/Carers are advised to arrange a [PCR test](#) where symptoms are presented.
- Staff and Parents/Carers to be reminded to report the LFD/PCR results to NHS Test and Trace.
- If the PCR test is negative the staff/pupil can return to school.
- Where a positive case is identified, NHS Test & Trace will contact those who test positive – or their parent or legal guardian – to identify close contacts.
- Staff and Parents/Carers advised to report the outcome of their LFD/PCR tests results to the school via the school email address.
- NHS Test and Trace are now responsible for contacting close contacts.
- From the 16th August 2021, staff who are fully vaccinated or pupils under the age of 18 years old **will no longer** be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by [NHS Test and Trace](#) as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Staff who are not fully vaccinated **will have** to isolate if they are identified by NHS Test and Trace as being a close contact.
- The school is **no longer** expected to undertake contact tracing. Close contacts **will now be** identified via NHS Test and Trace.
- Staff and pupils to stay at home if they feel unwell.
- Staff and Parent/Carers to follow the sickness absence procedure in place at the school.

There are more details on the latest school risk assessment that is available on the school website: www.durhamtrinity.co.uk

The school has an Outbreak Management Plan in case there is an outbreak within school, which could mean that controls are re-introduced or activities are restricted or home learning is reintroduced. This document is also available on the school website.



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PUPIL TESTING:

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back on Friday 3rd September 2021 and re-introducing LFT testing in school for Secondary and Post 16 pupils only. This will take place on Friday 3rd and the following Wednesday. Details regarding consent has previously been shared with parents/carers on Weduc.

- If you previously consented to your young person being tested and continue to want them to be tested in September, their consent forms will continue into the new academic year, you do not need to do anything.
- If your young person was not tested previously and you would like them to be tested in school in September please complete the COVID 19 testing for pupils consent form on Weduc.
- However if you are in a routine with your child testing at home and wish to withdraw consent please email Sharon Elliott (Sharon.elliott@durhamtrinity.net) to inform school that you will be testing your young person at home and withdrawing your consent.

Following the testing in school on Wednesday, government guidance is that Secondary/Post 16 pupils and staff are advised to continue testing twice a week until the end of September when this will be reviewed by the Government.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding pupils returning to school on Friday 3rd September please email the school via the Contact Us page on the school website: www.durhamtrinity.co.uk/contact-us

Please look out for futures dates on Weduc for Parent's Coffee Mornings and Parent's Evenings for this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher