

17th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**SUBJECT: North Yorkshire County Council COVID-19 Update**

As we are now in the second period of lockdown, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) has asked that we share the following messages with you to ensure we are all following the current guidance.



**Messages for parents/carers to talk to their child(ren) about:**

- Please remind your child about our policy on face coverings.
- Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.
- Remind your child about continuing to socially distance during lunchtimes
- Please remind your child to leave school in a timely manner to avoid social contacts.
- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.
- Please remember the school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school (i.e. children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school).

**Self-isolation:**

If you are self-isolating:

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has Covid symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.
- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.
- Please follow the national guidance:
  - For individuals who have tested positive or who live in the same household as someone who is positive for covid-19: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)
  - If you require any further support (e.g. shopping, medication) whilst you are self-isolating please visit [Help for you during Coronavirus \(Covid-19\)](#) for further information from North Yorkshire County Council.

**Current lockdown restrictions:**

The new national restrictions can be found here: [New National Restrictions from 5 November - GOV.UK](#)

In summary:

- You can leave home for education (formal provision, rather than extracurricular classes such as music or drama tuition,) training, registered childcare and children's activities that are necessary to allow



parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training. Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.

- You and your child(ren) must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with **one** other person.
- There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions [Childcare and Children's Activities: New National Restrictions from 5 November - GOV.UK](#)

**What happens if there is a case of coronavirus at your child's school?** We are aware that parents are keen to understand the procedures that schools are having to follow in the event of children starting to show symptoms whilst at school or when there is a positive case at school. Please view the following poster which helps make the national guidance clear: [What happens if there is a case of coronavirus at your child's school?](#)

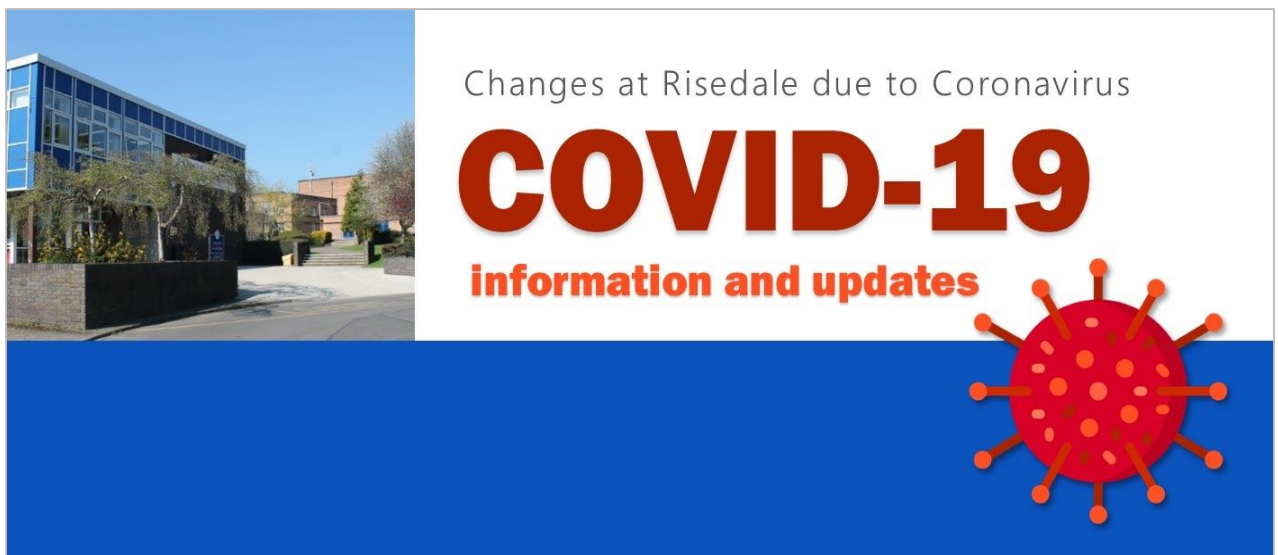
**Should you send your child to school with cold type symptoms?** Click here to view a helpful poster from public health to understand when children should be in school and when they shouldn't: [Cold or Coronavirus Poster](#)

**Use of emollient:** GPs have been reporting an increase in families requesting prescriptions for emollients for children as a result of increased handwashing and colder weather. In most cases an over the counter emollient will help this condition and so a GP appointment and prescription is unnecessary. In partnership with Health and Safety the following guidance has been produced to reassure parents/carers: [NHS Information Leaflet - Emollients](#) and [consent form](#).

Many thanks



Headteacher Colin D Scott

A poster titled "Changes at Risedale due to Coronavirus" with "COVID-19" in large red letters and "information and updates" below it. The poster includes a photograph of a school building on the left and a red coronavirus particle illustration on the right. The bottom half of the poster has a blue background.

**Don't forget...** for all our latest information and changes to our service/day-to-day running of the school due to Coronavirus please see our ['COVID-19' information page](#).