



Dear parents/carers and pupils,

As we reach the end of the academic year my thoughts turn to all the challenges we've faced as a community and all the moments of sheer joy we've experienced as we've supported each other and navigated our way through these uncharted waters. It has been and continues to be an utter privilege to teach and help our pupils develop into wonderful young adults. Each day is filled with those moments and as a teaching staff we have been lucky to do what we've been able to, to support all our young people and their families. Finally we say our goodbyes to Danny Hughes and Helen Whitehead SENCo. Stacey Burke is taking over as SENCo in September. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service and commitment to the school.

As the summer holidays approach we wish you a happy, fun and safe time. A heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs Matthewman

Acting Deputy Headteacher



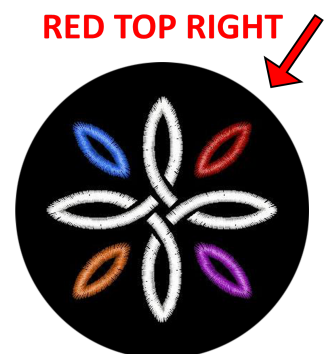
IMPORTANT: If you haven't already done so, please read the [PUPIL Covid Testing Letter July 2021](#) letter which was recently emailed to you and complete the [Consent Form](#) now. The letter contains important information for you and your child about the planned testing in school for September, a staggered return to school, testing at home and the Summer School.

New iron-on blazer badges for current pupils

All parents of pupils currently in years 7-10, should have now received their FREE Risedale School blazer badge **by post**. Please iron this badge over the existing St. Cuthbert's cross on the blazer pocket ready for September 2021 carefully following these instructions:

Positioning the badge on the blazer pocket:

Please ensure that the **red petal/oval** is positioned at the **top right** of the pocket



Attaching the badge to the blazer:

- position the badge centrally over the existing school St Cuthbert's cross
- cover the badge carefully with a cotton cloth
- with a hot iron apply good pressure to the badge for approximately 10 seconds at a time and use the steam function on the iron to assist with the adhesion
- ensure the badge is fully attached to the blazer pocket, in particular checking the edges of the badge are firmly fixed



Uniform orders and delivery date

At Risedale we believe that our uniform helps pupils to feel part of the Risedale Family. The school uniform and PE kit is a requirement for every pupil and is available to purchase from www.school-shop.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: The cut off date for guaranteed September 2021 delivery for online and telephone orders is Thursday 29th July 2021.

Uniform information for Year 6 (starting Year 7 September 2021):

Ties: Please do not purchase a House tie from SchoolShop. Wait until your child starts Risedale in September when they will find out which House they have been assigned to. You will then be able to buy a tie directly from the school and pay via ParentPay.

Blazers: The blazer you purchase from SchoolShop will automatically have the new Risedale School badge embroidered on the pocket.

Chromebooks for current Year 8 and Year 10

As some of you will be aware, Risedale has embarked on an unprecedented digital education improvement scheme, so far rolling out Chromebooks to all pupils in years 7 and 9.



On 1st July we sent a letter (via text/email/MCAS) to parents/carers of pupils in years 8 and 10, letting you know that from September your child will also be issued with a Chromebook. To start the process we ask that parents/carers complete the Chromebook Agreement so we will be able to start the distribution process promptly when we return in September.


> [Link to: Y10 Chromebook Agreement](#) < > [Link to: Y8 Chromebook Agreement](#) <

Our aim is to allow every pupil at Risedale to access a device so no one is left behind or disadvantaged. We will send out Chromebook agreements to parents of our new Y7 when we return in September.

Equipment

Being equipped for the school day is an important part of being prepared not only for learning, but for life. Your child will need a **pencil case** containing the following:

- Black biro
- Red biro
- Blue biro
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser

P	Write in PEN : black for writing, red for underlining and blue for DIRT	 <p>Always be PROUD of your work</p>
R	Use a RULER for all tables, grids and graphs	
O	OOPS! Draw a single line with a ruler through mistakes	
U	UNDERLINE titles etc. with a red pen and a ruler	
D	Only use a pencil to DRAW with	



In addition to this your child will need to make sure they have their **reading book**, **lunch card** and their **Chromebook** (charged and in its case). From September 2021 all Risedale pupils will be issued with a Chromebook in due course.

New Risedale School website

Our new website will be 'going live' very soon! We're very excited and construction is nearly complete but as with all new projects we do anticipate some 'snagging'. Please bear with us as we update content and work will continue once we return in September.

Careers Resources for Parents/Carers



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Careers Education Information Advice Guidance

We are inviting all Risedale parents/carers to explore our newly created online careers area which will allow you to access CEIAG (Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) resources to help support your child's careers pathway throughout their secondary education at Risedale School: <https://bit.ly/3zPmzO6>

If you have any questions or would like any further information regarding Post-16 provision or careers advice please contact our Careers Leader **Helen Porritt** porritt.h@risedale.org.uk



New website for parents to help their children catch-up

The Government has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities to catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of



children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.

Further information can be found on the [education catch-up for your child](#) homepage.



REPORT REMOVE

'[Report Remove](#)' is a new tool to empower children and young people to stop the spread of nude images online. [North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership \(NYSCP\)](#) is promoting the new Childline and Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) tool which helps children and young people to report a nude image or video of themselves that has been shared online. The IWF can then take steps to remove it from the Internet. Given the recent [Ofsted report](#) and research from many other organisations, we know there are many reasons for taking/sharing, and equally many barriers to reporting, images and videos. It is therefore imperative that young people know that they can take action themselves and that something will be done.



**Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.**

Importantly, a young person can even report an image/video that hasn't been uploaded and shared. The IWF will assign a 'hash' (a digital fingerprint) to prevent the image being uploaded by anyone.

More information from the IWF can be found [HERE](#) and the Childline reporting tool, 'Report Remove', can be found [HERE](#).

Hidden Harm Campaign



The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) is asking everyone in North Yorkshire to be alert to changes in children and young people that could suggest they are suffering "hidden harm" or abuse.

As more meeting places, clubs and venues open up as further Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, they are asking you to be their eyes and ears in the community and report any concerns you might have for children.

Pressures on families arising from periods of social isolation during the pandemic have increased the risk of mental and physical harm to children and young people, but these signs of harm have been harder to detect, due to the lack of usual face-to-face interaction.

Read more about how to spot the signs of hidden harm on the NYSCP website here: www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm

NYSCP have also produced a podcast about Hidden Harm – listen [here](#).

You can report any concerns about a child or young person anonymously on 01609 780780.



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North Yorkshire
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We need your eyes and ears
Look out for signs of abuse or neglect in children and young people

Unkempt clothing**Hungry****Overly tired or poor concentration****Appearing overly anxious****Self-harm****Having no money or having more money and items they usually couldn't afford, such as a new phone.****Changes in behaviour and associations**

If you are worried about a child call 01609 780 780 #TellUsYourConcerns
www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm

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FREE Online resources for North Yorkshire parents

'Ourplace' is the gateway to online courses for all parents, grandparents or carers who live in North Yorkshire. The courses aim to support the most difficult job in the world!



The first course is an antenatal course developed by Registered Midwives and health professionals called '[Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby](#)' and does what it says in the title! It includes information about giving birth plus learning about the baby's brain and how to optimise your relationship with the baby.

The second is a postnatal course called '[Understanding your baby](#)'. It was developed by health visitors and clinical psychologists, and other health professionals and is for parents of babies from 0 to 12 months.

The third is our main course for parents of children aged between 6 months and 19 years: '[Understanding your child](#)'. This was also developed by child psychologists and specialist health and education professionals.


There is also a short course: '[Understanding your teenager's brain](#)' which can explain some of the changes in teenagers' behaviour by understanding what is happening in their brain.



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The courses are delivered in modules and can be worked through at your own pace and can be accessed on laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc by logging on to:

www.inourplace.co.uk and entering the FREE access code: **NYFAMILIES**



Online courses for parents, parents-to-be, friends, relations, and foster carers

The courses, worth over £100, are free for ALL North Yorkshire families!

From bump to 19 years
Lifetime access

Register on:
www.inourplace.co.uk
and enter the 'Access Code':
NYFAMILIES

To return to the course(s) go to
www.inourplace.co.uk and sign in!

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Invitation to take part in an online focus group to shape North Yorkshire's SEND Strategy

A joint strategy is being developed for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years.

NYCC, Parent Carer Voice, and Local Clinical Commissioning Groups serving North Yorkshire are asking you to share your experiences of SEND services - what is going well, and what could work better?

You can find out more [HERE](#), and to book on to an online event for parents/carers or professionals you can fill out an online survey [HERE](#).





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All available **free and online**.
Find out more on www.DarlingtonMind.com

FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM AND JOIN OUR SESSIONS TODAY.

Keep in Touch - Keep Safe - Keep Learning

