



Dear parents/carers and students,

Wow, can you believe this is issue 10 of our Keep in Touch letters! We very much hope that our communications have buoyed you up on dark days and shown that our commitment to the education of your children has remained as strong as ever, despite not being in the building with them and despite the sometimes unhelpful stories in the national press. It has been a tough few months for everyone and we are so looking forward to seeing all our young people back in September. The summer holidays begin in 2 weeks time and staff are rightly looking forward to a well-deserved rest. Please do share anything that has been happening in the community that we may have missed as issue 11 will be a celebration for the great work and support provided over the last 100 days and counting. Send your child's good news stories and photos to news@risedale.org.uk



Speaking of which, did you see the flypast from the Red Arrows for Armed Forces Day on Saturday 27th June? Here are some fantastic photos by Risedale teacher and Service Childrens' Advocate Mr Thomson.



Keeping in Touch: Staff have been very busy over the last few weeks contacting home to keep in touch about your child's online learning. Can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all parents and carers who have nobly and creatively become teachers to help make sure that students continue to make progress. Staff have thoroughly enjoyed their chats with parents/carers and students. As ever, if you have any concerns about the work or your child, don't hesitate to contact subject teachers or tutors: [Staff email list](#).



Summer Break Plans - Key Worker cover to end: Government guidance published earlier this week outlined that there will be no need for schools to provide summer cover for the children of key workers or vulnerable children. This means that Friday 17th July will be the last day that this cover will be available. Another thank you here goes to parents and carers of these students for keeping us informed about times and shifts. We have been bowled over by the work you have done in our community and we hope that we have gone a little way to helping that 'key work' be a possibility at this challenging time.



Opening of Schools September 2020: Yesterday, the Government released information to us as to how they would like schools to open initially in September, for all pupils. Risedale Principal, Mr Scott, sent a letter to all parents/carers via text/MCAS which we hope you received - [click here to view the letter](#). More information will follow as our plans take shape.



Take care and stay safe, Mrs Matthewman - Acting Vice Principal



Home support visits from Mr Morley

Mr Morley has been out and about over the last couple of weeks in the community, just to say hello and check that all is well. He has had a fantastic response from you all - so another thank you from us. We really want to make sure that we support everyone, not just with their academic work but with wellbeing too.

Policy Updates at Risedale

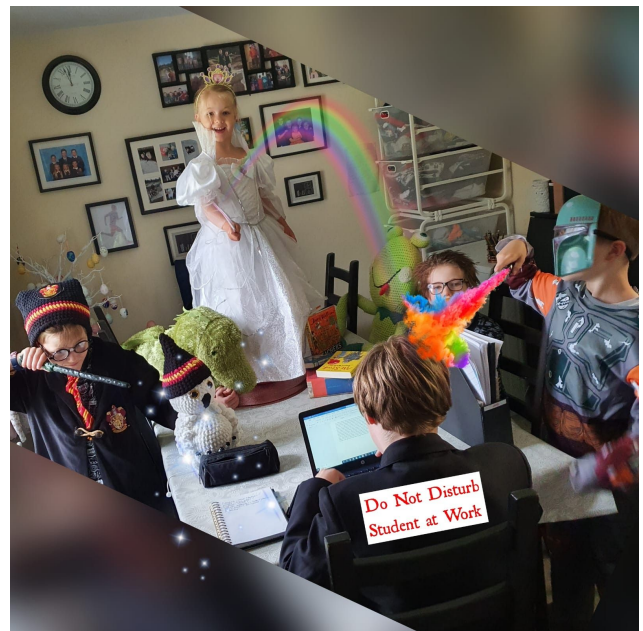
The following policies have been updated to inform pupils, parents and staff about the additional and specific school rules we have addressed in light of the measures that have been introduced in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All of these are available on our school website in the [Policies](#) area.

- [Behaviour Policy \(Student\) Addendum COVID-19](#) - New document to support the Behaviour Policy during COVID-19.
- [Child Protection Policy Addendum COVID-19 Updated](#) - Updated from previous addendum.
- [Code of Conduct](#) - Policy now reflects the updates within the Safer Working Practices addendum COVID 19.

Jake Wills Wins Headteacher's Challenge

Congratulations to Jake Wills (7Brierley) who has won the selfie photo challenge that Mr Scott set a few weeks ago. Students were asked if they'd like to submit a "selfie" of themselves doing their school work at home with the entries to be judged by our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on the following criteria and an overall winner chosen:

- A. the most creative picture;
- B. the picture that shows how intensely you are concentrating, and
- C. the picture that shows some imagination or inventiveness



Mr Scott announced via his Google Classroom that Jake was the overall winner and that he will receive a £25 gift voucher for his fantastic winning photo.

Mr Scott added, "Look out for my next challenge... again it will be voluntary so you do not have to do it as your normal school work must take priority. But if you want to do it... there's a prize at the end! I do hope you're all keeping well, even if many of you cannot be in school right now! We'll be back to normal soon so keep safe!"

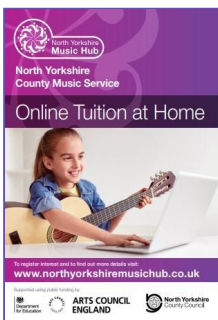
10 ways to help children cope with change



The COVID-19 crisis has been a challenging time for all of us, especially for our children and young people. YoungMinds has produced a great resource for parents to help children cope with change. [Click here to view your copy of '10 ways to help children cope with change'](#). Now, more than ever, we know that it's so important to work together, look after one another and support each other as a family and this resource has some great suggestions of how to do just that.

YoungMinds have also written a helpful article with some useful tips on how parents can support their child as they transition back to life at school: [Supporting a child returning to school after lockdown](#)

County Music Service - Online Instrumental Tuition



Since lockdown the County Music Service has been continuing to support pupils with online lessons which have proved very popular with parents and their children who have been actively engaged with the learning. Many have commented on the positive effect it has had on the wellbeing of their children.

The Music Service still has space for more young people to join and are keen to keep online access open to as many students as possible until peripatetic music lessons are able to resume again in school.

Click here to view the [North Yorkshire County Music Service Online Tuition at Home Leaflet](#) for further information.

To register interest and to find out more details visit: www.northyorkshiremushub.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support. **Ian Bangay, Head of County Music Service.**

Relaunch of parent/carer forum – Parent Carer Voice North Yorkshire

The parent/carer forum in North Yorkshire has recently been relaunched. Formerly known as NYPACT, the forum is now known as Parent Carer Voice North Yorkshire and their new website can be found here: www.parentcarervoiceuk.org. Parent Carer Voice North Yorkshire is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who are aged 0-25.



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The Council and health colleagues have already worked successfully with Parent Carer Voice to develop communication and information for parents/carers during the Covid-19 pandemic. Moving forward there will be an increased emphasis on co-production with the forum to develop services and provision.

For more information please visit the website <https://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org/>

Contact officer: Sarah Hill sarah-jane.hill@northyorks.gov.uk



Messages from Mr Miller - Head of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Normandy 2020 Trip Cancelled: Due to the current pandemic I have taken the decision to cancel September's planned trip to Normandy. This has been a difficult decision to make but one which has unfortunately been necessary, given the current situation. I'm really disappointed for our Year 8 students, who were becoming increasingly excited about the prospect of practising their French IN FRANCE and also visiting world famous historical sites, such as Mont Saint-Michel. When the government advised against all foreign school trips in March – just over a week before our original travel date – some students had already packed!



The good news is that we'll still be going, only it'll be 'Normandy 2021!' I'm currently planning a new trip with our organisers PGL, which will hopefully happen next summer. All students who were on the original list for Normandy 2020 will be reserved a place, so they'll still get the chance to eat those snails on the last night at the chateau, to abseil down that tower or to practise their best conversational French at the local market.

So, watch this space – I'll be writing to all Year 8 parents/carers in the coming weeks to begin the organisation for next year's Normandy adventure!

Link to letter from Mr Miller 24th June: [Normandy 2020 Cancellation Letter](#)

Super Linguist Competition: Since lockdown began in March, one of the most popular new hobbies – for adults and kids – has been to learn another language! Many Risedale students will already be familiar with both [Memrise](#) and [Duolingo](#), as they may have practised their French and German using them.

Both apps help you to learn another language in a competitive, dynamic and fun way, and quickly show you your progress and fluency level. And both are available as FREE apps for iOS and Android phones, so all you need to do is sign up.

Using [Memrise](#) you can learn French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Italian or Russian.

Using [Duolingo](#) you can learn LOTS of languages, including French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Japanese or even, er, Klingon!

So, the challenge is to pick a language (we'd obviously prefer French or German but any will do!) and to use either Memrise or Duolingo to practise your language-learning skills. Try both apps first – they are both fantastic, so it's just down to your personal preference. Share your progress by taking a screenshot of your points score and/or progress - or even something you're just proud of - and send it to mfl@risedale.org.uk. We'll be collating all



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the screenshots to show off at the end of the year and will award prizes for the best Super Linguists!

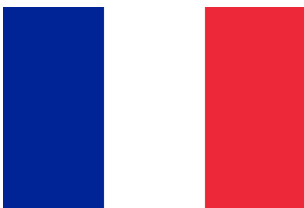
French and German Cookery Challenge: As a bit of summer fun, we're challenging



Risedale students - and parents/carers! - to do a little cooking or baking with a French or German twist! Ever thought about making your own crêpes? Wondered how to make a delicious Black Forest gâteau? Or a ratatouille? Or how about creating something more unusual, such as Alsatian apple cake or some pain perdu (French toast). Or even Kartoffelpuffer (potato pancakes)? And sorry, making French fries doesn't count!

A quick Google search for something like "Easy French recipes" or "Traditional German cookery" throws up loads of possible recipes and there are also lots of ideas on the [BBC's Good Food website](#).

So, get creative and get cooking! Take a photo of what you manage to make, along with an optional review, and send it to mfl@risedale.org.uk, so that we can celebrate your creations and, maybe, crown you the 2020 Great MFL Bake Off champion!



Bonne Chance / Viel Glück!



Updated education resources for home learning from the Government



Department
for Education

The Government has updated its guidance for online education resources for home learning to include additional resources and new tips to help parents and carers with home education. The list of resources can be found here: [Online education resources for home learning - GOV.UK](#)

Updated guidance on keeping children safe online from the Government

With the Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Government has updated advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online. The advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here: [Coronavirus: Keeping children safe online - GOV.UK](#)





Online Safety Content Conversations Starters for Parents



It's good to have chats with your child about staying safe but they can be daunting, which is why National Online Safety are opening up this discussion with a guide including some 'Conversation Starters for Parents and Carers around Online Content'. Check out the guide here:

>> <https://hubs.ly/H0rS9pD0>

Protecting Personal Data

Lock down your personal information! You wouldn't share sensitive information with a stranger, so why do it online? Check out this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide

providing online safety tips for parents on protecting 'Personal Data': >> <https://hubs.ly/H0s2bGF0>



National Online Safety

Parents and carers, don't forget to sign up for your FREE and interactive online safety workshop by registering here: [National Online Safety for Risedale Parents](#)

Upcoming National and Global Events

Things to look out for and get involved with **this week:**

- [Children's Art Week](#)
- [Plastic Free July](#)
- [July: Good Care Month](#)
- [July: Samaritans - Talk to us](#)
- [1st July: International Reggae Day](#)
- [4th July: Independence Day USA](#)



Next week:

- [6th July: International kissing day!!](#)
- [7th July: WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY!!](#)
- [10th July: Don't step on a bee day](#)
- [11th July: World Population Day](#)
- [11th July: Festival of British Archeology Day](#)
- [12th July: National Simplicity Day](#)

