



Dear parents/carers and pupils,

We have had a highly successful first half term in this 'new normal'. Staff and pupils have both responded very positively to the safety measures in place. We have welcomed 118 new Y7 pupils who have thrived in the Risedale family and quickly embraced the Chromebook project. With the Prime Minister announcing a 4 week lockdown from Thursday, we wanted to take this opportunity to reassure all stakeholders that we will continue to go above and beyond in keeping everyone as safe as possible.



The Government has made the important decision to keep schools open and at Risedale we will strive to make sure that the quality of education continues and that pupils make progress both academically, socially and emotionally.

A massive thank you to parents and carers for keeping in touch and informing us promptly if their child needs to isolate. **Please make sure you do inform us if your child tests positive - even in the holidays; the quicker your response, the quicker we can act.** We have worked hard to ensure that whatever eventuality arises we are able to continue to educate all pupils effectively. We have created a number of scenarios which are outlined below so you are fully informed about what will happen in the event of a positive case.

**Remote Learning:** *All parents have now informed school about their preference for remote learning. If they have requested paper-based learning, parents/carers will need to pick up work from reception, by prior appointment only.*



**Scenario 1: Individual pupil absence due to testing / isolation due to cases in the household.** All teaching staff will provide work. Information will be provided by the office staff with the code relevant to each pupil so teaching staff are aware of how much to set. All work will be set on [Google Classroom](#).

**Scenario 2: All pupils in one or more year groups have to isolate for 14 days due to advice from Public Health England.** Maths, English and Science will deliver live lessons through [Google Meet](#) in school following the timetable of the year group. Other subjects will place work and guidance on Google Classroom and staff will ensure they are available in [Google Chat](#) during their timetabled lessons to communicate with pupils online.

**Scenario 3: Some pupils in one or more year groups have to isolate for 14 days due to advice from Public Health England.** All staff will place two weeks worth of work on Google Classroom for these pupils as close to classroom work as possible.

**Scenario 4: The whole school has to isolate and therefore undergo remote learning - staff are also at home.** All subjects to upload work and lessons to their individual Google Classrooms. The amount of work provided each week will be proportionate to the timetable.

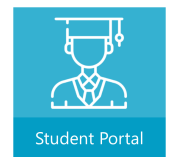


### How to...Google Classroom

In the case of pupils having to work from home, [Google Classroom](#) will be a vital tool for communication between the pupil and their teachers. To help support your child please check out our '[Using Google Classroom - Risedale Pupil Guide](#)' or contact our IT Team directly: [ithelpdesk@risedale.org.uk](mailto:ithelpdesk@risedale.org.uk)

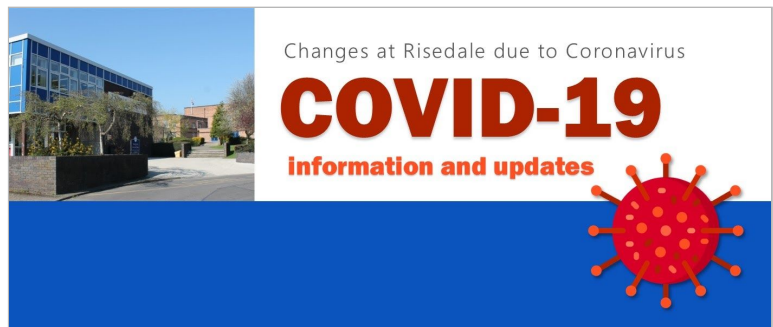



Pupils can access their school emails ([Gmail](#)) and lots of the learning platforms we use by visiting the [Student Portal](#) on our website.



### New COVID-19 information page on school website

We've recently launched a new page on our school website called [COVID-19](#) (previously named 'September 2020'). Here you'll be able to find any changes to our usual service, or specific information related to COVID-19. Please check this page regularly and ensure you keep up to date with all general correspondence from school by visiting the [Letters to Parents](#) area of our website.



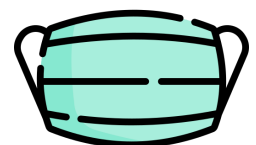
 We recently sent you some really helpful information from the Government and the Local Authority giving parents/carers clear guidance about when you should keep your child off school and when to book a coronavirus test. Please read these letters carefully and refer to them as and when required. If you do decide to keep your child off school please report all absences before 9am on the first day and keep in regular contact with the school thereafter so we can effectively support your child and family.

[ithelpdesk@risedale.org.uk](#)

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### Be prepared - Face coverings at Risedale

All pupils and staff are reminded that they must bring a face covering to school every day and be prepared to wear it as/when required. Mr Scott sent a [letter](#) to all parents/carers on Monday 2nd November with updated guidance. Please ensure that you and your child are familiar with this guidance. If your child is exempt from wearing face coverings you must let the school know so that arrangements can be made to facilitate this. Please contact Mrs Wright [wright.s@risedale.org.uk](mailto:wright.s@risedale.org.uk) if your child is in Years 7, 8 or 9 and Mrs Benson [benson.a@risedale.org.uk](mailto:benson.a@risedale.org.uk) if your child is in Years 10 or 11.



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## GCSE Examinations Summer 2021:

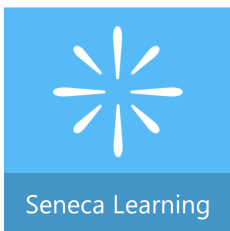
The government has announced that [GCSE exams will go ahead in summer 2021](#) with revised dates of 7<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July to allow additional teaching and learning time. However, one GCSE English and one GCSE Mathematics examination paper will each be timetabled before the May 2021 half term.



Timetables for the summer season are not yet available and it is possible that these dates may be revised again. **The GCSE results day will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.**

To ensure pupils leave with a grade in all subjects, it is imperative that they are available for all examinations and the full preparation time available. It is possible that the dates of the examination period may change again. Please, therefore, do not book holidays at this stage during the term-time weeks of July 2021 nor during the May 2021 half-term week. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Please contact us if you have already booked any holidays for next July or May half term so that we can assist in this matter. If you have any questions, please email our Vice Principal Mr Yates: [yates@risedale.org.uk](mailto:yates@risedale.org.uk) or our Exams Officer Mrs Tonkin: [tonkin.j@risedale.org.uk](mailto:tonkin.j@risedale.org.uk)

## Seneca Learning Parent Registration



Seneca is an online learning platform used in schools. The FREE parent platform allows you to monitor your child's progress. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for your Seneca parent account here: [app.senecalearning.com/parent](http://app.senecalearning.com/parent)

If you have any questions, please contact the Seneca Team via the live chat feature on their website or email [learnmore@seneca.io](mailto:learnmore@seneca.io).

Alternatively you can contact Mr Sherwood (Senior Teacher Humanities and Aspiration Lead at Risedale) by email who will be happy to answer any questions you may have [sherwood.r@risedale.org.uk](mailto:sherwood.r@risedale.org.uk)

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## EU Settled Status

We have been asked by North Yorkshire County Council to share the following information so that families and children do not lose access to benefits or are restricted in what they are able to do:

EU citizens who want to continue to live in the UK after 30 June 2021 will need to have settled or pre-settled status (unless they are also British or Irish citizens or have a valid 'permanent residence document' or valid 'indefinite leave to remain' or 'indefinite leave to enter' status from the UK government). Any EU citizens without this status will not be able to work, study, rent housing, or claim many welfare benefits. Please view [this leaflet](#) for more information and/or visit <https://www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus> which includes translations in most European languages.



