



Dear parents/carers and pupils,

We are now well into our second successful half term of the year and staff and pupils are continuing to work hard to keep safe and keep learning. We are also into the third week of the current national lockdown and we hope, as a school community, that we have been able to support you and your families by retaining some semblance of normality through your children continuing to attend school and having a rich and diverse curriculum offering. We have made several reminders through tutor time that pupils must not congregate in groups outside school and must go straight home after school finishes. Our thoughts are also turning towards the festive season and what that may bring. Our wish for everyone in the community is that we stay safe and well.

Sarah Matthewman - Acting Deputy Headteacher



Remote Learning



We now have a system up and running that ensures your child will not fall behind if they have to isolate. All staff are setting work either digitally or on paper to ensure your child spends their isolation time effectively. Please can we ask for your support with this; if your child is isolating make sure you check in with them. Are they completing their work? Are they stuck? Do they need more support? Remind them they can email their teacher for assistance ([Staff Email List](#)). Also, any work that is submitted through Google Classroom or returned to school will be marked so that your child has feedback about how they are progressing with their learning.

Y10 Consultation Evening

Due to the current COVID restrictions, we are having to adapt how we run our consultation evenings. There will be no physical event in school, instead you will be contacted by your child's form tutor, by phone, who will give you a summary of your child's progress and also discuss any pastoral concerns.



Further detailed information will follow in a letter shortly, however the intention is to use the normal MCAS booking system whereby you will book a preferred time and the form tutor will then ring you at this agreed time. It is expected that each parent will be given a 10 minute window, with the opportunity to arrange a further follow-up conversation if required. To provide time for these bookings to be made, it is expected that the phone-calls will take place where possible between 3pm and 6pm on the evenings of Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December.



Risedale has joined the COVID Symptom Study for School Communities

Risedale has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our pupils are as safe as possible in the classroom, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.



COVID Symptom Study

We are asking parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1 minute a day to report how your child is/children are feeling each day. With parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our pupils safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will share any findings from their research with you.



The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter Risedale's Unique School Network Code: **A21Q36L** > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of Risedale. For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: [COVID Symptom Study for School Communities - Guide for Parents of Children](#)

Proposed Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy



We believe that our school is a friendly and welcoming place where our children and staff can feel safe. Unfortunately, experience in schools around the County is that instances of aggressive and inappropriate behaviour by parents, carers and visitors are increasing. Due to this unwelcome behaviour, for the wellbeing of our children and staff, we are considering the adoption of a Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy

so that everyone is clear what is and what is not acceptable behaviour, and what action the school will take to protect its children and staff if the Policy is not observed.

The proposed Policy can be accessed via the following link: [Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy](#)

We are consulting you as a parent or carer of a child at our school on this policy and would be pleased to hear from you with your comments on this by emailing your thoughts to the Headteacher's PA at blood.s@risedale.org.uk by the end of the day on Wednesday 9th December 2020.



National Online Safety Parent Portal

**National Online Safety®**

As mentioned in previous Keep in Touch letters we are now working in partnership with National Online Safety and are taking a 'whole school community approach', promoting a culture of safeguarding to educate everyone about the importance of online safety. And by 'whole school community' we do mean everyone; our teachers and school staff, Governors, children and young people and parents/carers. **We invite all our parents and carers to access the fantastic FREE courses, guides and webinars available via the National Online Safety Parent Portal.**

Here's what you can expect to find...

- Parent and training courses - broken down into 24 categories, 3/4 minutes each.
- 100+ app and game specific platform guides which look at the appeal of the app/game, risks and practical tips for parents. These include Zoom, Tik Tok, Instagram etc.
- Short webinars on key areas of online safety.
- The site gives parents access to lessons with easy to follow guidance so parents can support home learning in online safety.
- Use the browse option to search for specific information i.e Tik Tok, Xbox etc.
- Use the categories section to access information relating to that specific category i.e technology, social media, online bullying etc.

Please find below the link you'll need to register for your account. You will need to complete your details and select "I am a: Parent/Carer" from the dropdown:

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/risedale-sports-community-college>

Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers" course and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes a wide range of online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet. If you have any questions, or trouble accessing the course please contact support@nationalonlinesafety.com

Foodshare Zero Waste Project

The Foodshare Zero Waste Project is now open! Colburn's Hub and Community Cafe collects surplus food items from local shops for distribution within our local community.

If you feel that you or your neighbours would benefit from this project the Hub is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings 9-11am and Saturday mornings 10-11am. Just bring a strong carrier bag and pick up anything you would like.

If you are unable to visit the Hub directly you can arrange for delivery by sending a message to the [Colburn Hub & Community Cafe Facebook Page](#) or by contacting Angie 07833490502 or Helen 07791768903. All donations are gratefully received and please check out their [Facebook page](#) to find out how you can help.

