



Doncaster Council

Joint Letter from Richmond Hill Primary Academy and Doncaster Council

To: Parents/Carers, Richmond Hill Primary Academy

Date: 26 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

School Trips Cancelled Due to COVID

On 26th November 2021, staff from Richmond Hill Primary Academy and Doncaster Council, which included representatives from the Public Health Team, and Learning and Opportunities, held an outbreak control meeting in relation to increased number of cases of COVID-19 linked to the school. Holding an Outbreak Control Meeting is a standard practice when we see a number of cases in any school or other setting. The purpose of the meeting was to offer support to the school in helping to control the spread of the infection and it was mutually agreed with the school.

The Outbreak Control Meeting reviewed control measures currently in place at school. It was of the view that arrangements at the school are safe and effective and the school is doing everything it can.

In order to help the school control this outbreak, the meeting identified the following actions, and we are asking you to support us in this effort:

1. All planned school trips are suspended and they will be rescheduled later in the academic year when the outbreak is under control. We have identified particular risks related to travel and the setting of the visits, which are likely to increase the risk of transmission of infections to our children and staff. We ask parents to comply with this public health advice. We also ask parents not to organise any other visits to the settings by themselves for their children on the initial proposed dates in December. Any absence of pupils on those dates will be classed as unauthorised.
2. Thank you to the parents who followed the advice from the school asking their children to get PCR tests, especially those in year groups with high rates of infections. We are recommending that parents who have not had their children tested using a PCR test should do so. You can book free NHS tests for your child by phoning 119. The exception to this are those who have tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

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