

26th March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you and your families are well.

We have been delighted to welcome our students back into school since the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Staff and pupils have been happy to be able to spend time in school together again.

### Asymptomatic Testing

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, the Government guidance states that students and staff (who have given consent) continue testing twice weekly at home during the Easter break using the Lateral Flow test kits supplied through school. These results need to be reported to the NHS and school in the usual way so that school can operate a track and trace system during the break.

Students who have given consent and are regularly testing themselves have been provided with extra kits to take home this week. Those students who are currently isolating and wish to continue with lateral flow home testing, can collect kits from school reception on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> or Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 2pm.**

### School Uniform

Many of our students have grown out of their school uniform during the last period of lockdown and we understand that it has been difficult for families to get hold of new items due to Natasha's being closed. However, we understand that it is now possible to order online for click and collect.

<https://smartschoolwearcentre.co.uk/beckfoot-upper-heaton-academy/>

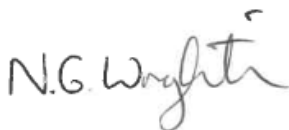
Mrs Newcombe has started a clothing bank in school and parents have been donating blazers, trousers and shirts that their children have grown out of. These are washed and ready to hand out to others and we encourage you to please get in touch and make use of these items.

When school re-opens after the Easter break, we will expect to see all students in full school uniform and appropriate shoes (not trainers please).

### Face Masks

Please can we ask families to support school in keeping our whole community as safe as possible from the spread of Covid-19 by encouraging your child wear a face mask in school.

Have a happy and safe Easter break.



Graeme Wrightson  
Headteacher