

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Re: Information regarding the new school term and re-opening arrangements in September 2022**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Northumberland PRU from September. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to your child returning or starting next week in September as school re-opens.

This year we also see several new members of staff joining the PRU along with myself as we grow in size moving forwards with the PRU now only accommodating students in school years 7 – 10 in key stages 3 and 4 only.

I am writing to you with an update and to provide details of our anticipated start to the new academic year.

Please also see the new Northumberland PRU website at <http://www.pru.northumberland.sch.uk/website> which also carries key information about all aspects of the school.

Please also find enclosed in the envelope the following documents:

- Northumberland PRU Term Dates 2022-23
- Northumberland PRU School uniform information 2022-23

**Details of return to school in September**

We are excited here in school to be able to welcome all students back after the summer holiday in what hopefully will be a school year without any further disruptions to our pupils' education. There are new school systems, rules and expectations for everyone to get used to which will come in to effect from September 6<sup>th</sup> here in school for the new academic year. We will run student induction sessions across the first week back for all year groups to enable all students to receive a full induction process where we will establish new routines, systems and expectations.

**School uniform in September (Please see sheet included with this letter)**

All students in Years 7 – 10 must attend school in full Northumberland PRU uniform. This year we will be providing all pupils with their own polo shirts and sweaters free of charge.

Students have previously been exceptionally good at wearing the correct uniform and we expect this to continue this year. You can help us by reminding your child of the school's expectations

regarding appearance and conduct. Please see the enclosed uniform guide which addresses all areas of uniform.

Students should bring a bag containing their own water bottle, stationary (pen, pencil, ruler) and PE kit.

### **Student attendance and punctuality**

All students (Year 7 – 10) from September **must** continue to remain on the school premises for the full duration of the school day (except when attending a visit or off-site activity), which promotes good punctuality and attendance and which also strongly impacts positively towards further increasing high standards of teaching and learning.

May I please request that doctor or dental appointments are made after 2:30pm wherever possible, ensuring that you provide medical evidence (letter or appointment card) for any medical related absences. I must also stress that in line with DfE guidelines that students must not be taken out of school during term time for holidays as permission cannot be given.

### **Health & safety and student behaviour expectations**

Detailed information about the school behaviour policy and our 'Behaviour for Learning' and rewards systems can be found on the new school website.

### **Mobile telephones and other technical equipment**

From September all technical equipment must be switched off and unseen whilst students are on the school site. This includes in the outside social areas. Northumberland PRU is keen to support student safeguarding and in particular, prevent issues which can arise through inappropriate use of social media. If such equipment is in view then the incident will be logged and students will be asked to return the equipment to their bag/pocket or hand it in to a member of staff to be stored. Incidents will be monitored and this may result in equipment being confiscated by the pastoral team. In this instance, students are to collect a letter from reception and give to parents/carers. The equipment will be placed in the school safe until a parent/carer comes in to school to collect the device.

### **Break time and lunch time – Student catering and refreshments**

I can confirm that the cost of a daily breakfast and lunch school meal will be fully covered by the school.

### **Looking ahead**

There continues to be a lot of excitement about the future for the school as we change to accommodate new key stages of pupils and we look forward to welcoming our new group of Year 10 students who will be joining us in September. With your valued and on-going partnership, I look forward to sharing further successes and updates with you throughout the coming months. You will always be kept updated and we will continue to work together to support all of our students.

Yours faithfully,

*R. L. Carr*

Richard Carr, Headteacher

