

# School Improvement Service

Daily Covid Support briefing  
Tuesday 23 February 2021

Good evening everyone

## **UPDATES FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced the government's plan for the return of all pupils to schools and colleges, as part of the roadmap for leaving lockdown. You can read a transcript of the Prime Minister's speech, which has now been published [LATEST GUIDANCE](#)

## **SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AUDIT 2020-21**

Please can all schools complete the school safeguarding audit tool and return this to the NYSCP by Wednesday 31 March 2021. To date a limited number of schools have provided their responses to the safeguarding audit and we would like to thank them for their completion so quickly given the ongoing pandemic.

The School Safeguarding Audit is an important tool for the strategic assessment of the current safeguarding arrangements within schools across North Yorkshire, which will inform a number of activities of the NYSCP. We would like to encourage and reinforce the need for all schools (whether maintained, academy, independent or special) to complete the audit and submit this by 31 March 2021.

Please submit your completed audit response in Excel format on the Safeguarding Audit for Schools 2020/2021 Safeguarding Audit tool Completed responses should be sent to [nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:nyscp@northyorks.gov.uk) no later than Wednesday 31 March 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the audit you may contact Haydn Rees Jones, NYSCB Policy and Development Officer on (07929) 827355 by email at [haydn.reesjones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:haydn.reesjones@northyorks.gov.uk).

## **DROP IN SESSIONS- MASS ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING DROP-IN SESSION FOR SCHOOLS**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement and the published guidance regarding the full return of pupils to school from 8 March 2021, we would like to offer all secondary and special schools the opportunity to attend one of two drop in sessions over the forthcoming days in addition to our general drop-in sessions that have been advertised previously.

The intention of these session is to provide a forum for schools to clarify any aspects of the guidance in relation to the phased return to school due to mass asymptomatic testing, to ask any specific questions you may have and to listen to queries raised by others within the sector.

In order to ensure these sessions are highly informative and beneficial, colleagues from the following services within NYCC will be in attendance to provide direct information:

- Public Health
- School Improvement
- School Transport
- Inclusion
- Health and Safety
- Legal
- HR
- Waste
- Properties

The drop-in sessions will take place on:

- **Friday 26 February at 13:15 – 14:00** [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **Wednesday 3 March at 13:15 – 14:00** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Please follow the links above to join either of the meetings, if you have any issues in gaining access please contact Julie Pattison [julie.pattison@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:julie.pattison@northyorks.gov.uk)

### **GOVERNOR REMOTE LEARNING MONITORING TOOL**

NYCC School Improvement Governance team have created a useful remote learning monitoring tool. We have been pleased to hear about the amount of Governing Bodies across North Yorkshire that have been utilising this tool. Please click on the link to find it here [Governing Body Monitoring Tool](#)

### **REMINDER TO COMPLETE YOUR DAILY STATUS FORM**

Please ensure that the DfE daily status form is completed. Please provide your data by 2pm each working day.

### **PARENTS' CONSULTATIONS FAQs – FEBRUARY 2021**

Please go to our COVID school improvement page to view our current guidance on carrying out [Parent consultations](#)