

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin our second week in school I would like to formally welcome all our returning students and all of our new students – welcome to the Tapton family.

COVID-19

I hope the return to school also marks the return to a more normal way of life. Nevertheless, we all have a responsibility to ensure that COVID-19 case numbers stay low and that the education of our amazing students is uninterrupted. We will therefore continue to maintain a number of measures to ensure chances of infection are reduced. Students will continue to use separate entrances when they arrive to school and will be asked to use hand sanitiser. We will also encourage students to use hand sanitiser and maintain regular hand washing throughout the day. Desks in classrooms will remain forward facing and windows and doors will be kept open to ensure adequate ventilation. There will be enhanced cleaning of frequent touch points. There is currently no requirement for students and staff to wear masks in classrooms or around the building, however, this remains a personal choice for all and there is absolutely no judgement if anyone wishes to wear a mask. However, please do note that parents and carers who come into school for meetings will need to wear masks.

Our systems

Effective communication between home and school is something we endeavour to improve upon every year. Certainly, for new families joining our school the range of platforms and media we use can be overwhelming. Please find attached a list of the different ways we will communicate with you and how you can get in touch with school. The links within the attachment will take you to the relevant websites and platforms. In addition, the attachment will also remain on the letters page of the school website for your reference throughout the year.

Breakfast Club, Canteen and the Library

We are pleased to share with you that from Monday 13th September students will be able to access our new breakfast club which will open from 8.30 to 9.10 every day. This club provides an opportunity for students to purchase and eat breakfast in the Dining Room. This is a really healthy and positive way to start the school day. Students will be supervised in the Dining Room. Please do note that there remains for students a £4.00 daily limit on the cashless catering system; this means that if students spend this allowance at breakfast they may not be able to purchase food at break and lunch and should therefore spend their allowance carefully.

In addition to this before school provision, our school library is open from 8.30 every day. It is also open at lunchtimes and afterschool until 4.30 Monday to Thursday and until 4.00 on Friday. In addition to providing students with a quiet place to read, the library offers students a space to access computers and printers and complete homework. I am delighted to say that the library is very well stocked with all of the latest book releases, both non-fiction and fiction, and also magazines and newspapers. Our homework club will be on Wednesdays after school. Students in all year groups can access support and resources to complete homework in the library every Wednesday from 3.30 until 4.30. A mini bus is available to take students home who live in Uppertorpe/Netherthorpe after homework club each Wednesday night. This must be pre-booked, parents are advised to contact ward@taptonschool.co.uk to arrange this and give consent.

We have had a very successful and exciting start to the school year and look forward to this continuing.

Yours sincerely


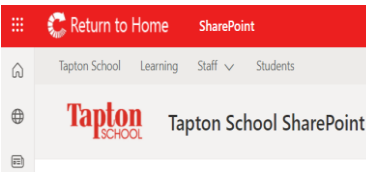
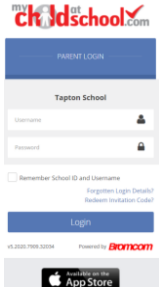
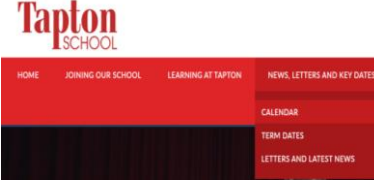

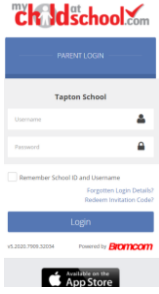




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Headteacher



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Communication and Platforms

Platform	Details
	<p>The school website is where you can find links to the learning platform (see below), curriculum information, school letters, school policies and our calendar.</p> <p>https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/</p>
	<p>The learning platform can be accessed from the 'quick links' tab at the top of the school webpage. The learning platform is where students can access learning resources and remote learning if they are isolating. Students need to have their email user name and password to access the learning platform. Students in all year groups should have these details and students new to school in Year 7 will receive them in their Computer Science lessons or for Year 12 students from their form tutors.</p> <p>https://taptonschool.sharepoint.com/SitePages/Welcome.aspx</p>
	<p>MCAS stands for My Child at School and is operated by BROMCOM a managed information service. The My Child at School app allows you to access live information about your child's attendance, punctuality and progress through school tracking. You can also access your MCAS account from the 'quick links' tab on the school website.</p> <p>https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin?schoolid=11510</p>
	<p>Letters to parents and carers are an essential form of communication. These will always be emailed to your given email addresses and placed on MCAS. Letters from the Headteacher can also be found on the 'letters' tab of the school website.</p> <p>https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/page/?title=News%2C+Letters+and+Key+Dates&pid=3</p>
	<p>We will occasionally use text messaging to share urgent information. Notifications about detentions will be sent via text message. It is very important we have your most up to date mobile number.</p>
	<p>Your child's school report or 'tracking' will be uploaded to your MCAS account in addition to your child bringing a printed track home. Alongside parents' evening progress interviews, all year groups receive 2 progress updates every year.</p> <p>https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin?schoolid=11510</p>
	<p>Parents' evening. All families have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers once a year. These meetings are conducted virtually. Parents and carers can make appointments through the virtual platform School Cloud and details about the process for making appointments will be sent home before an upcoming parents' evening.</p> <p>https://tapton.schoolcloud.co.uk</p>
	<p>Homework is set via an app called Satchel One. You may know this application as Show My Homework. This application can also be found on the 'quick links' tab. Student and parent login details will be sent home.</p> <p>https://www.satchelone.com/login</p>

	<p>Headteacher drop in. This is your opportunity to meet with myself and Ms Grewal, Deputy Headteacher, if you have a specific question or concern. We hope to hold the first drop in on Thursday 4th October at 3.45-4.45. No appointment is required, however, please ensure you wear a mask for this meeting. Further details and confirmation will be shared in the Tapton Update.</p>
 <p>Update June 2021</p>	<p>The Tapton Update is our information newsletter and will be emailed to families in the third week of every half term.</p>
	<p>Email. We are a caring employer and the mental health and wellbeing of all staff is of great importance to us. Staff emails are turned off between 7pm and 6am on weekdays and throughout the weekends. Staff will do their best to answer questions, however, please allow two working days for a reply. If you have a specific question please contact your child's form tutor or for more general questions please use enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk In addition, please refer to the 'contact us' page on the school website: https://www.taptonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+Us&pid=2 We also believe it is good to talk! A telephone call can often be the most effective way to find an answer to a question or a solution to a problem. Our school telephone number is 0114 267 1414.</p>
	<p>Our Twitter handle is @TaptonSchool1. This account is used to share success stories and celebrations with our community. https://twitter.com/TaptonSchool1?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor</p>
	<p>Mathswatch is used for independent learning and homework tasks in Maths. Your child's Maths teacher will provide them with their personalised login details. Students need to fill in the details when prompted and click the blue login button. https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/</p>
	<p>Hegarty is used for independent learning and homework tasks in Maths. Students need to go to the website, click the green login button and use the personalised password provided by their Maths teacher. Students need to check in the "My tasks" section of the toolbar to see what work has been assigned by their teacher. www.hegartymaths.com</p>
	<p>Kerboodle is used in Science, MFL and Geography. Students have access to electronic versions of the textbooks used in school and interactive activities and quizzes. To login students will need a username and password issued by their class teacher. The institution code is always nb5. https://www.kerboodle.com/users/login</p>