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Dear Parent/Carer

Change to the Selection Test Date from September

We are writing to update you on arrangements for selective testing for Ripon Grammar School. Due to the current coronavirus situation, and whilst waiting for the release of guidance from the Department of Education (DFE) on selective testing for grammar schools, a decision has been made to delay the test date.

The decision has been taken to support pupils and ensure they have sufficient time back in the school environment prior to sitting the selection tests. In addition, a delay will assist the authority to make any additional preparations for the testing arrangements that may be required.

The authority is currently looking at testing in November for Ripon Grammar School entry. Once the guidance from the government has been received we will write to parents and schools with more detailed information around the testing arrangements.

The type of tests will not change and an example of a Verbal Reasoning (VR) and a Non Verbal Reasoning (NVR) test is available on the North Yorkshire County Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/selective-schools

You are reminded that the closing date for submission of an application for secondary school places for September 2021 remains **31 October 2020**.

North Yorkshire residents - If you live within North Yorkshire we allow a parent to preference up to 5 schools and Ripon Grammar School will need to be listed as a school preference before the closing date. Should your child not be successful in reaching the cut off mark and you wish to change your school preference then we will allow changes to be made to your application up to 20 December 2020.

Other LA residents – the minimum number of school preferences allowed is three and the number of preferences above 3 differs according to the local authority where you live. If you want to be considered for a place at Ripon Grammar School, you will need to list it as a preference by the closing date of 31 October. It will be your home local who will determine if you can change a school preference after the closing date.

Please let us know as a matter of urgency if you no longer wish your child to sit the selection tests by emailing schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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