



9th June 2020

Dear Parents/carers of students in year 10

As mentioned in my previous letter, the school governors met yesterday to agree and confirm the proposed arrangements for the wider opening of Nailsea School from week commencing 15th June. There has been an enormous amount of planning going on behind the scenes to ensure that safety is our top priority with the wellbeing of students and staff being paramount. Naturally, any decisions we have made could change in line with DFE guidance but I thought it was important that you had the information in order to make plans and begin to discuss the return to school whilst at home.

I would ask that this information is shared with your year 10 child so they are aware of what to expect. Later in the week we will be releasing a walkthrough video so students can be familiar with the look of the site prior to arrival. This letter focuses on the general points. Students will receive a letter detailing personal group/class information later this week.

In addition to this information, please find a 'Frequently Asked Question' document and a 'Safe to School Pledge' for your reference. These documents also contain important information which will answer any further questions you may have and I would ask you to read these. These documents are also available on the website for your reference in the 'Letters' section, as well as a copy of the risk assessment that has been conducted in preparation for opening. I understand that there is a lot of information to process but I want to ensure you are as informed as much as possible.

How is the school day organised and what groups will be organised?

Year 10

- Students will be invited onto site in their Maths groups and then subdivided into smaller groups, with approximately 10-12 students per group.
- Each Maths groups will attend one morning session a week in wk comm 15th June and 22nd June. The timetable will involve three one hour lessons in English, Maths and Science in both weeks.
- Year 10 students will have the opportunity to attend in wk comm 6th July and 13th July for one 1 hour session with their option subjects.
- Students will not necessarily be with their own teacher but will have a subject specialist during these face to face sessions.
- Staff are currently planning the activities that will be completed in these sessions and details will be passed on in due course. It is envisaged that staff will review the work completed during home learning and will introduce the next topics.
- Students will also be given an opportunity to discuss the reintegration process and how they have been feeling.

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- Home learning will continue when students are not in school in the same way as it has in previous weeks.
- Some subjects cannot offer face to face sessions given the personal circumstances of staff/the risk assessment conducted in school.
- No year 10 students will be invited to attend in wk comm 29th June to enable deep cleaning to continue.
- The groups will be taught in classrooms to allow for adequate social distancing and external ventilation.
- Students will sit in socially distanced seats where they will remain until the end of the three sessions.
- At the end of each 1 hour subject session staff will move to an alternative room to teach another group.
- Students will have an opportunity at changeover to talk to other students but they must remain socially distanced.
- At the end of the three sessions students will be dismissed one group at a time and must leave the site immediately.
- Once students have left the site, the areas will be cleaned for the following day.

What are the timings of the school day?

- Students should be seated for session one to start at 9:40am. It is recommended that students arrive no earlier than 9:20am.
- Students will only be able to enter through the main Mizzymead Road student entrance.
- Students will need to walk from Mizzymead Road and parents will not be permitted to drop them off in cars (unless there is a prearranged medical requirement for this)
- Students will need to line up, in the socially distanced way indicated by the markings outside the student entrance and continue to follow these markings on entering the building.
- On entry, students will have a temperature check using a forehead thermometer and be asked to use hand sanitiser before going straight to their classroom.
- At the end of their lessons students will leave in the same way and are asked to remain socially distanced whilst travelling to and from school as much as possible. Students should return straight home.

What should be worn to school/brought to school?

- Uniform is not required. We ask that appropriate clothing is worn that can be washed as soon as they return home
- Students should bring a snack and a full water bottle if they wish. The canteen will not be open and refreshments will not be available on site.
- Students should bring their own pencil case/equipment. They will not be required to bring books to school.

Please note: you must not send your child to school if they are displaying any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or you are aware that they have been in contact with anyone that is showing/has shown symptoms.

You MUST update the school if believe this to be the case so that we can isolate students and staff that they may have been in contact with.

Nailsea School will look different to the students when they return. The changes students will see and measures we have taken are there to keep everyone as safe as possible – I care too much not to do this. As parents you will need to use this information to decide what is right for your children. Although attendance in term 6 is not compulsory for students and the government have said that there will not be any fines issued for non-attendance, I would strongly encourage you send your child into school to prepare for next year.

I am really looking forward to getting back to some sort of normality and these steps will be the start of this. I will continue to contact you on weekly basis, more so if required, and if you have any questions or queries please do get in touch. Finally I want to reassure you that these measures/plans are being continually reviewed and, as needed, they will change in light of further guidance/events.

Stay safe and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher