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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break so far.

Students in year 13 joined us in school today to collect their A level results and, given the very late notification from the Education Secretary about the options that are now available, I know that many families were and continue to be anxious about their next steps. Year 11 students will be collecting their results next week and may feel a similar way. Please be reassured that although there will be fewer members of staff on site than usual we are still here to support you at this time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need clarification or support.

As I mentioned in my final letter of last term, we have continued to follow government guidance in this ever-changing situation and I felt it was important you had an update as September approaches. I hope the headings below enable you to keep this letter as a point of reference.

With further changes being possible, I plan to send a further letter in the week commencing 24th August.

Site preparations for September opening

As outlined previously, year groups will operate in separate areas of the school. Confirmed details of these arrangements, with some minor changes since July, can be found at the end of this letter. Please be assured that we will speak to students about these arrangements on their return to school, but I felt it was important that some further details were given to families to discuss at home.

The government has produced a document that parents and students may also find useful – the link is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

I would reiterate the importance of students coming into school and entering through their designated entrance so that the school can maintain the integrity of the different bubbles. If any families foresee an issue with entering and leaving the school site through the methods described in the table at the end of this letter, please contact your child's Head of House in the first instance. Students should be on time at the start of the day but should not arrive early given that they will not be admitted to the building until 8:35am.

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Face coverings

The government guidance currently stipulates that face coverings are not recommended in schools. As ever, we will keep an eye on any changes and then contact you with how, if needed, they can be managed in school.

Please remember that face masks/coverings are required at all times on public transport and school buses for all students. On arrival at school there will be specific reminders about the protocols required. It is expected that when using disposable masks it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure their child has enough face masks/coverings for the journeys to and from school. If a child is using a reusable face covering it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure that there is a bag where this can be stored during the day.

Quarantine and holidays

As you are aware the government is expecting all students to return to school in September. The issue of which holiday destinations are subject to tourists entering a period of quarantine on their return has developed over the last few weeks and there may be Nailsea families that are impacted by this. Please be assured we will work with parents based on the government guidance but the underlying principle is that parents who have had had plans changed through government guidance changing will not be penalised for this.

Uniform and equipment

Students are expected to return to school in full uniform. If your child has PE they should arrive in their school PE kit to avoid unnecessary use of the changing rooms. On these occasions students will need to bring their normal uniform to change into if the weather is inclement. Timetables will be issued to students on their first day of term so they are aware on the days where this is required.

To ensure the building is well ventilated windows and doors will remain open at all times. Students may wish to wear additional layers below their school shirt if we experience cold weather. Additional hoodies/coats will not be permitted to be worn over the school uniform jumper inside the school as per our existing policy.

To reduce contact between students it is important that they come into school with the following items as a minimum:

- Pencil case
- Pencil and pens (black pens and green pens)
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Highlighters
- Scientific calculator
- Apron and tea towels (when having Food Tech lessons only for years 10 and 11)

Whilst not compulsory items of equipment we also strongly advise that people have their own

- Hand sanitiser
- Tissues
- Refillable water bottle

Lunchtime arrangements

Every year group will have the opportunity to purchase food at their designated lunch collection point within their year group area. It will be necessary to have a reduced selection at both break and lunchtimes and, regrettably, no main meal will be available for the foreseeable future. It is hoped that some hot food, such as bacon rolls/paninis/pizza/pasties etc will be available in addition to the normal cold food offer. Drinks, fruit and cookies will be available as normal.

As with other organisations, to reduce risk the school will be fully cashless in September which affects things like topping up cards for lunches and locker/card replacements. All of these will HAVE to be completed through ParentPay and so it is even more important for parents to have access to their account and students to always be in school with a topped up card. It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure that there are enough funds for purchases to be made. Catering and Finance staff will not be able to make any amendments to balances during the school day. Thank you, in advance, for your support in this matter.

If your child has mislaid their card a replacement can be issued for a reduced cost of £3.00. Ordering can be completed using Parent Pay by the 1st September. These cards will be issued on the first day of term. If any student card needs to be ordered after 1st September 2020 it will cost £5.00.

I appreciate this has been a lengthy letter with felt it was important that our families could discuss the return well in advance. I will be writing again next week to confirm arrangements for the start of the academic year 2020/21.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher

Details of year group areas

Year group	Entrance	Rooms	Toilets and water fountain	Inside recreational space	Outside recreational space
7	Mizzymead Road, main student entrance (Left Hand side)	Maths rooms 44, 43, 42, 41, 38, 37, 36	Opposite Room 37	Dining hall	7/8 courtyard area nearest dining hall
8	Station Road/Ash Hayes Road Entrance through courtyard, by Maths stairwell (Students CAN enter through MizzyMead Road but will be directed around the Tech area)	English rooms 130, 129, 128, 127, 126. 125	Opposite 134	Rooms 30 and 31. Room 33 for lunch collection	Courtyard outside Maths
9	Mizzymead Road, main student entrance (Right Hand side) Up Media stairs	English and MFL rooms 134, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141	Media Cafe	Media Café Atrium	7/8 area, past the bikeshed.
10	MizzyMead Road entering through main reception	Science rooms 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29	Opposite reception	Green Lecture Theatre	Back field and Juice Bar external courtyard.
11	Station Road/ Ash Hayes Road Entrance through the Juice bar staircase	PandB rooms 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123	Opposite 132	Juice Bar Room 11 (no eating)	Exit through Dance Studio to field.
6 th form	Mizzymead Road, entering through Community entrance and along admin corridor. Students will need to use their cards to access this entrance.	132, 161 (x3), 165, 167, 168, (study room, open plan computers and common room)	6 th form toilets, toilet in 161 and sports Hall toilets Water fountain at 153 (through 161)	Common room	N/A
Resource Base	Mizzymead Road, own entrance gate	Resource Base classrooms	Atrium	End of atrium nearest reception	Outside Resource Base area at front of school

