



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Many thanks for your support this week.

As well as being hugely impressed with the conduct of those students in school, those students outside of school have shown real resilience and the parental comments of good wishes and support have, as ever, been appreciated.

As you know I had to make the difficult decision of isolating some students after being notified of a positive test result within the school community. Please be assured that those who have tested positively are making a good recovery and will be returning to school when well enough to do so.

Blended Learning Review

Given the national picture, although the last thing we would all want would be a repeat of bubbles having to isolate I do feel it is important to be prepared if a similar decision needs to be taken again.

As such, I would be hugely grateful if any of the families that were isolating this week could complete this review form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqnozslzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UQzJDTIhaWkVDTFpRRUY2SUdTR0M4MVNGUi4u

The form will close on Monday 28th September at 10am.

Thanks, in advance, for taking the time to do this. Your comments will inform future practice.

Symptoms and school attendance

The school has, understandably, noticed an increase in the numbers of students absent from school as a result of the household having possible symptoms and groups isolating. I know there has been some debate about the types of symptoms that are noted in those who test positive, if at all, and the degree to which these symptoms are evident prior to a test being taken. Although these discussions are continuing to take place nationally, as a school we do need to continue to remind families about the official government guidance which states that if anyone has one of these symptoms:

- A high temperature (37.8 C or higher)
- A new, continuous cough (meaning coughing for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- The loss or change of sense in taste or smell

they should self-isolate (with all members of their household) for 10 days from the onset of symptoms (14 days for household members) until they can get a test. It is essential that parents do not send children into school if they have any of these symptoms.

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Communicating outcomes of test results

We would ask parents to use a new dedicated email address, C19@Nailseaschool.com in order to notify us of any positive test results. This is especially important outside of normal school hours so that preparations and decisions can be made about any further action required if the result is known in the evening or at the weekend. Please be assured that this information will be treated sensitively.

Reducing the risk of transmission

Students have responded maturely to the new systems in place around the school and we are continuing to ensure the routines in school are there to reduce the chances of any transmission. One area that we are continuing to address is the fact that corridors should remain as empty as possible.

I would therefore ask for your support in discussing the following with your son/daughter at home:

- please remind them to walk directly to the classrooms at the start of lessons and ensure they enter straight away sitting at their designated seat
- please remind them to walk on the left hand side of the corridor to enable greater distance when passing others walking around their bubble.

As a school we will be reiterating these messages next week, but your support will be greatly appreciated.

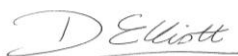
School fleeces

As mentioned in one of my previous letters, with the weather changing and the need for ventilation remaining we are going to introduce an additional and optional piece of school uniform. This will be a black fleece top that will be able to be worn both outside and inside the school building in addition to the existing jumper or instead of the jumper.

Our House Captains were involved at looking at sample designs this week and now that the final choice has been made we will be in the process of releasing details on how these can be purchased very soon.

I know from specific calls and emails this week that there are continued feelings of anxiety about the weeks and months ahead. Please be assured we are continuing to do all we can to ensure that all of our families are supported as much as possible. I would continue to ask parents and students to make contact, if they feel there is an issue we can address, so we are aware and can put additional measures in place if necessary. If the issue is important to you, it is important to us.

Take care and be kind



Yours faithfully
Mrs Dee Elliott