



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

We are now two weeks from half-term and it is believed, following the decision in Scotland, that an announcement regarding the summer 2021 examinations in England will be made imminently. As I have said before, schools are told this information at the same time as the general public so I cannot comment, as yet. I know that this has resulted in ongoing uncertainty for those students in Year 11 and 13 and as soon as I can comment and confirm any plans I will do so.

Donations of textbooks/revision guides

Many thanks to all the parents and families who have brought in pre loved GCSE/A level textbooks and revision guides that we can then share with existing students. Departments and students will be incredibly grateful.

If you have any books that you would like to pass on to the school please bring them to reception, where they will be quarantined for a set period before being passed on to the relevant staff.

Physical contact

I wrote a couple of weeks ago asking for parents to speak with their children about the importance of remembering social distancing during break and lunchtime (as emphasised by the numerous posters around the school). In addition, I emphasised that students should not be spending social times engaged in activities that have skin/skin or object/object contact to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

In recent days I have been made aware of a craze whereby any student who has had a haircut is slapped, with a degree of force on the back of the head. Clearly this is unacceptable and dangerous behaviour and sanctions will be applied if such behaviour is brought to our attention.

Nailsea is an amazing community and any unwanted physical contact is taken very seriously. I would ask you to discuss the importance of this issue with your son/daughter at home so that this dangerous craze can be eradicated.

Free School Meals

If your child was eligible for Free School Meals at Primary School, please make sure you have emailed North Somerset at fsm@n-somerset.gov.uk as soon as possible to tell them that your child is moving up to Nailsea. This will ensure that their entitlement can then be changed over.

Similarly, if you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please use the North Somerset website to check your eligibility: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>

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Inclement weather and fleece update

As we know, autumn is here and winter isn't far away. This obviously means the weather will be wetter and colder. We do have students coming to school in cold, wet weather with non school uniform sweatshirt and no coat. Please note that we also have to maintain ventilation in every classroom as part of our operational plan to minimise the risk of viral transmission and this means that our classrooms are going to be colder spaces during this winter than they normally are. It is essential, therefore, that pupils are dressed warmly for school. It is better to have too many layers and remove one if too warm than to have too few layers and be freezing cold. Please also note that pupils are not be allowed to wear their coats in class as this is not conducive to learning.

In response to this I can confirm that School Togs are now taking pre paid orders for the optional House fleece. As a reminder

- These are optional pieces of uniform
- They have been introduced in response to the fact that the building is increasingly ventilated and is a way of keeping warm in the autumn/winter
- They can be worn inside and outside the building, instead of or on top of the existing jumper
- The school captains were consulted on the design

No other jumper/fleece will be permitted to be worn

Lunchtimes

I have been really pleased that we have been able to ensure all students have a separate place to buy hot and cold food at break and lunchtimes. Students who use this service can take their food outside to eat and the more of them that do this the better. However, pupils need to be responsible and ensure that their rubbish is placed in a bin. Related to this is the fact that we have limited undercover space around the school where a lunch can be eaten in the dry if it is raining. We do have some sheltered spaces around the building and, in the case of the year 11 area have installed a marquee to increase capacity. We are also investigating the possibility of acquiring more of these in the other year bubbles.

Students are obviously allowed inside the buildings at break time and lunch time, and many have sought solace in the corridors during the inclement weather of this. Sitting in these areas are fine, but not to eat food. The reason for this is simply one of hygiene. We don't have the capacity to clean our corridors or internal communal spaces after break time or lunch time. This cleaning is done after school when pupils have left site. In addition, many of these areas are carpeted and in recent days it has been disappointing to see that food has been crushed into the flooring.

Thanks, as ever for your support and have a lovely weekend

Yours faithfully



Mrs Dee Elliott
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