

Nailsea School



Additional safety measures in response to COVID-19

These measures to come into effect from 5th November 2020,
and will be reviewed by Thursday 2nd December 2020

As cases of Covid-19 rise both nationally and locally a number of additional measures will come into effect at Nailsea School from Thursday 5th November, the same day as the National Lockdown begins. The actions have been carefully considered, given the specific context of Nailsea and with the prime objective of further protecting staff and students, and will be reviewed at the start of December. They may be extended or amended after or during this period, in line with government advice.

Every member of our community must be supportive of these measures if we are to protect each other in our school community.

A: Face coverings

Students

- As previously expected, all students must wear face masks when travelling on the school bus/coach or the public transport, including taxis and bus.
- In addition, it is expected that all students will wear face masks when moving around school*
- The only stipulated requirement related to the face mask is that the design should be suitable for a school environment.
- Face masks are expected to be worn by students
 - on entry to school buildings
 - walking in shared spaces inside the building during the school day. This includes walking to lesson 1; leaving lesson 2 to walk to break; walking to lesson 3; leaving lesson 4 to walk to lunch; walking to tutor time and (when appropriate for KS4 students) leaving tutor time; walking to lesson 5 and leaving lesson 5 at the end of the day.
 - when in social areas at break and lunchtime, except when eating and drinking. This includes 6th form students wearing masks in the 6th form common room.
- Students will be reminded to put on their face mask on entry to the building, at the end of lesson 2, lesson 4, tutor time (when appropriate) and lesson 5 when leaving the classroom.
- Students are not expected to continue wearing their masks in the classroom during lessons but can do so if they wish.
- Students are not expected to wear a face mask outside at break or lunchtime.
- Students will not be expected to wear face masks if they are being accompanied by a teacher leaving a room to walk to a specialist classroom, given that the procedure of leaving the room 10 mins into the lessons mean that the corridors will be clear of students.
- Students are expected to bring a plastic bag in order to store their face mask in when not being worn.

**In line with the national guidance any student who does not wear a mask for medical reasons should pass this information onto the school for our records.*

Teaching Staff

- All teaching staff will be expected will wear face coverings when moving around school*
- Teaching staff can decide whether they would prefer to wear a face mask or a face shield.
- Face coverings are expected to be worn by staff:
 - on entry to the school building
 - walking in corridors during the school day
 - when on breaktime duty/lunchtime duty
 - when in social areas at break and lunchtime, except when eating and drinking

- Staff will ensure that students leave their classrooms at the end of period 2, 4, tutor time (where appropriate) and period 5 wearing masks.
- Teaching staff are not expected to continue to wear their face covering when teaching as they will continue to stay behind the 2m teacher space in classrooms. However, as before, teaching staff can continue to wear them in lessons if they wish.
- Staff will not be expected to wear face coverings if they are accompanying a class to a specialist classroom, given that the procedure of leaving the room 10 mins into the lessons mean that the corridors will be clear of students.
- Staff are expected to bring a plastic bag in order to store their face mask in when not being worn.

**In line with the national guidance any member of staff who does not wear a face covering for medical reasons should pass this information onto the school for our records.*

B: Minimising numbers on site at any one time

- **6th form students** – As previously discussed with the 6th form team, 6th form students will not be required to attend tutor time if this is the only thing they have to attend in that session on that day. In addition, students who are not causing concern related to their progress will not be required to attend supervised study for this period.
- **Visitors** –Visitors need to be kept to an absolute minimum and where there are visits these should take into account times of arrival/departure and the amount of time spent amongst the school community.
- **Parents** –We would ask that parents do not pop into reception/drop things off to reception to minimise the risk on site.

C: Meetings

- All meetings in school will continue to be reduced as far as possible. The calendar is currently being checked and further details/alternative arrangements will come out in due course.

D: Expectations of work being provided for students isolating

- Where students are CHOOSING to stay at home and shield, without having been advised to isolate families cannot demand work is set for their child. This is a parental choice and it is an expectation that students attend lessons that are being delivered on site. This will be made clear in communication to parents.
- Where students are HAVING to isolate, and their year group bubble is still attending school, staff should upload the lesson materials for that day (PPT/worksheets) to the TEAMS area, that was set up at the start of term. If students are genuinely unwell, staff will also be understanding of whether/if that is completed and to what extent.

E: Further reminders about existing measures

These are all ADDITIONAL measures to keep everyone safe. Existing measures in place already include:

- **Ventilation.** This is a key way to combat the spread of the virus. Windows and doors will remain open unless the rooms remain excessively cold. The HSE have advised that windows and doors can be closed as long as they are opened for a minimum of 15 minutes in the middle of lessons. Windows and doors need to be left open at the end of the lesson to 'refresh' the air. Students should come to school in appropriate clothing for the increased levels of ventilation in the building.

- **Hand Hygiene** Students are reminded about the important of regular and increased hand washing throughout the day. Hand sanitiser should be used on entry to the building, to classrooms and prior to and after eating.
- **'Catch It/ Kill It /Bin it'** It is advisable for students to bring their own tissues with them to school. There are also supplies in every classroom. Used tissues need to be disposed of in a zip lock bag and placed in the designated bins in the bubbles.
- **Social Distancing** Although more difficult in social areas students should be mindful of keeping their distance from their peers and body to body contact is not appropriate.