



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this evening, I wanted to clarify arrangements for students from Tuesday 5th January onwards.

In addition to this letter please also see one from Gavin Ball, CEO of Wessex Learning Trust, for reference.

School access

- Nailsea school is **closed to all but keyworker/vulnerable students until at least 21 February 2021, with remote learning for all other students.** This decision, however has little impact on the arrangements already in place for students this week, and the students already signed up for the key worker bubble AND students in the Resource Base will attend as planned from Tuesday 5th Jan onwards.
- Students attending tomorrow should refer to the letters and/or calls made/sent earlier today regarding the arrangements.
- If the situation for families have changed and places need to be booked in this provision, can I please ask that all enquiries are directed to nailsch@nailseaschool.com with as much notice as possible.

Vocational exams in January

- It has been reported that exams scheduled for the January series will still go ahead despite the lockdown.
- Students should follow the advice related to these exams sent in the letters received earlier today.

Remote Teaching

- This will continue, as explained in the letters sent home earlier today. Weekly timetables will be sent to all families indicating arrangements on the Friday prior to the subsequent week.
- If any student is struggling to access online learning please contact your son/daughter's Head of year in the first instance. Support can be provided including the possibility of students coming onto site to access online learning.
- Please remember that every student will be able to have a daily check in at 8:30am every school day. For example, I am pleased to be running the session with year 7 students tomorrow.

Testing

- There was no further update on this from the Prime Minister this evening and if any further action needs to be taken by schools I will be in touch.

It is now likely that many of us may not be face to face for a while - be it teachers with students, students with each other or families with other families. This is a challenging time but #teamnailsea will, I am sure, continue to look out for each other - that community spirit is one reason why being part of this family makes it such a great place to be.

Please do, as ever contact us if you have any queries or concerns. I will be continuing to send weekly updates, if not more so as the need arises.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher