



Nailsea School

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Friday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carer

I've been delighted to see the school now full of students but with us finishing the first full week, I am sure many of us are looking forward to a relaxing weekend. Given the evolving picture I wanted to send another update outlining some tweaks to protocols in school, as well as to pass on some year specific information where appropriate. As I said in my letter last week we will respond to suggestions and the national picture to ensure that our students are safe and have the best provision possible at this time.

Information for all students

Punctuality of all students since returning has been very impressive, which has greatly helped with maintaining the integrity of the bubbles. Please remember that school opens to students at 8:30am and the external exits will be closed at 8:40am. If a student arrives after this time they should report to reception to be escorted to their bubble by a member of staff.

PE uniform has never included hoodies and students are expected not to come to school wearing them on the day they have PE. I am aware that Miss Wild, Head of PE, has sent the PE uniform expectations home in a separate letter. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that this is adhered to.

Our **lunchtime offer** from the canteen is continuing to evolve in the different year bubbles and we aim to gradually introduce a wider offer once patterns of purchasing have been established. Students have been very responsive to the new arrangements and we have been impressed with the mature way they have embraced the need to adapt.

In case of **illness** students should only NOT come to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid 19 namely

- a high temperature
- persistent cough
- loss of sense of taste and smell

At this time of year there is likely to be an increase in the number of sniffles and coughs that appear that are non Covid related. The decision regarding sending a child to school lies ultimately with the parent. However, all students are welcome to attend school unless displaying Covid - 19 symptoms.

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The **temperature in the building** is, inevitably, being impacted by windows and doors needing to be open at all times. Parents and students have expressed concern about this and in response we are in the process of organising the design of a school fleece that will be an optional addition to the uniform. This will be able to be worn instead of the school jumper OR over the school jumper when inside and outside the building. Those students who purchase the fleece when available will also be able to use this in PE lessons moving forward. We will be involving school captains in the final choice of design and will update families when we can.

Tutor Groups were part of the changes we had to make when we returned to school this year as the tutor structure changed from vertical tutor groups to year groups. Students have adapted really well to this new structure already. Information confirming contact information for Tutors and Heads of Year will be sent out in a separate letter shortly.

Further Information for Year 7 parents

Show My Homework is the platform we use to set and hand in any home learning. Parents would have received a letter outlining how this works this week. Please note that this can only become active once students have signed into their Office365 account. This will happen by logging in during ICT lessons. Given the nature of our timetable at the moment it may be another week before your son/daughter has the opportunity to do this as they may not have had an opportunity in an ICT lesson to do this. Please be assured that homework will not be set for any students prior to them having access to the system and no sanctions will be issued related to homework if an account has not yet been activated.

Photographs will be taking place for year 7 students on Monday 21st September.

Vaccinations will take place for year 7 students on Wednesday 30th September.

Further Information for Year 10 parents

Vaccinations that were cancelled during lockdown will take place for year 10 students. We are currently liaising with immunisation team about dates.

Lunchtime space has been something a number of students have spoken with me about. As students are aware from my assembly yesterday, we are making some changes to the layout of the atrium so that students will be able to use this as an inside space from Monday. I have been really impressed with the mature way the students have passed on their suggestions and, naturally, the school will do all we can to ensure their experience is the best it can be.

Further Information for Year 11 parents

Lunchtime space has been something a number of students have spoken with me about. We finalised yesterday the ordering of an outside shelter that will be constructed over the Juice Bar courtyard area to enable students to have access to more seating at breaktime and lunchtime. This will be in place from Monday 21st September.

Further Information for 6th form students

In order to access the building 6th form students will need to have **purchased or activated their student cards**. I know that a number of students have already done this and those who have not should make this a priority early next week. For security reasons the door that the 6th form students use to access the building is card controlled and without one they will not be able to enter.

It goes without saying that this week has been an exceptionally busy one. However everyone's hard work has been worth it to see the school back in action, with students back learning. I look forward to seeing them all again next week.

Take care and be kind



Mrs Dee Elliott
Headteacher