



# Nailsea School

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4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/carers

We have all made it to the end of the most unusual first week of term three that I have experienced in my teaching career. I am sure many feel, given the amount that has happened this week, that we should be further on in the term. I am certainly looking forward to a bit of 'down time' watching The Masked Singer on Saturday!

## Remote Learning

Thank you for all the encouraging comments regarding the experiences of the first week. I know both staff and parents supporting at home are all working hard, both wanting to do the very best for the students. As you know, any feedback is also useful for us to improve our offer so please do contact us if you would like to pass on any comments.

I would like to highlight that

- the year group timetable is attached for wk comm 11<sup>th</sup> Jan
- KS3 classes (years 7-9) will have the equivalent of 5 hours of learning next week, as usual
- KS3 classes will NOT receive homework in addition to the remote learning
- Live lessons are those in yellow on the timetable and should be accessed through Teams.
- Students should use the chat function on Teams appropriately.
- Registers are being taken by staff to monitor the students attending online lessons
- Any student who needs support accessing online learning should notify their child's Head of Year so that we can explore the best way to help

## Children of critical workers accessing school site

Students who are children of critical workers and those vulnerable students can be supervised on school site for the period of wider school closure. These students will be following the live lesson provision offered to their year group when in school. As such, students should bring headphones. They can be provided with this but will be charged £1.50 to cover the costs.

There are limited places available given the capacity of the school to supervise these students whilst teachers are also delivering online lessons to others.

There is a booking system that is in place for these places and the booking form for wk commencing 11<sup>th</sup> Jan has already closed. The link for the booking form for wk commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January will be available in my letter next Friday.

If the situation for families have changed and places need to be booked in this provision for next week, can I please ask that all enquiries are directed to [nailsch@nailseaschool.com](mailto:nailsch@nailseaschool.com) Spaces can only be allocated for wk comm 11<sup>th</sup> Jan if they are available.

Going forward it may be that the school may need to prioritise which students are allocated places and/or limit the number of days per week students can access the provision.

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## **Testing**

I am incredibly proud of the staff that have been involved in setting up the testing system in school this week. As of Thursday evening, 40 staff have received their weekly test and plans are in place for those students on site being tested early next week.

Many parents would have received the consent form to be completed and/or students over 16 to complete themselves. This will be the first of these forms that are shared ahead of the planned return of students (hopefully with students returning in term 4) As you can appreciate the admin involved in organising and setting up the tests is quite a task and the plan is to collate information in a staggered way to manage the workload. Further forms will be made available for those families who have not provided consent as yet to be able to do so in due course.

## **Year 11, 12 and 13 Examinations planned for summer 2021**

As mentioned in daily check ins with both 6<sup>th</sup> form and year 11 students this week, exams will not go ahead as normal this summer. However, this does not mean that the work towards any qualifications has come to an end.

With the full details of how students' grades are due to be reached yet to be published, it is vital that students continue to attend lessons, participate and submit work so that teachers have a clear idea of their efforts and performance. Work being done WILL matter and as staff we want to be able to properly reward the focus of students.


## **Year 9 Guided Choices**

Final preparations are in place to publish the online presentations and information for year 9 families ahead of them choosing their option subjects at GCSE. Year 9 students will also be supported through dedicated sessions in tutor time later this term.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher