



Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

When this third national lockdown was announced I thought it would be a result of #teamnailsea 'survived'. However, as we reach the end of term 3 having seen the quality of subject lessons being delivered, the engagement and enthusiasm of students, the ongoing pastoral support being provided and the supervision of the students in the keyworker bubble on site we have in fact done MUCH more than just surviving.

There is no doubt that the last six weeks have been a massive team effort where we have all played a part – none more so than parents/carers at home who have also been balancing family and work commitments with supporting home schooling. I am incredibly proud and humbled when I reflect on the support all members of the school community have offered to each other. It is a real privilege to be able to work with the staff, students, families and the wider community here at Nailsea.

This is my final update of term 3 which I hope you find useful.

Remote Learning

Students return to remote learning on Monday 22nd February, which will be a week A2. Remote learning timetables for that week can be found here: [Remote Learning – Nailsea School](#)

Almost 600 students in years 7 – 11 responded to the student survey that was distributed last week. A summary of the findings can be found on the attachment to this letter. Students in the 6th form can still contribute to their survey. It would be useful for us to also ascertain a parent perspective following this six week period and the parent survey can be accessed here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqgnzoslzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UMjZJV09OWDY3SzY1NIJYUU04VIRYVzJUNi4u

As parents are aware the Prime Minister will be announcing plans for schools returning at the start of term 4. The feedback received from all surveys will help inform future practice for the remaining period of remote learning, however long that may be.

Support for families

Recognising how incredibly difficult and stressful it is to balance remote learning, home and work commitments with looking after the wellbeing of the family we could all do with some

help and support at times. Hopefully you will find these resources with advice on how to support your child useful.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>

The website also has a messenger system for Young People to access in a crisis <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/>

In addition the attachment "Supporting students in lockdown" offers some advice for parents on how to work through the thoughts and feelings young people maybe having and how to prepare them for the return to school.

6th Form Interviews

Interviews have been ongoing all week for Year 11 students, internal and external, looking to join the 6th Form next year. It has been amazing connecting with Year 11 again via video call, catching up on how they are doing and their thoughts and plans for the future. It was an emotional evening for everyone but so lovely to see them and reminded me once again of how much I am looking forward to having whole year groups back on site.

Any Year 11 who is interested in joining the 6th Form but has not yet had an interview should make contact with Mr Reddiford to arrange a time to discuss subject choices.

Students wishing to access school site – Monday 22nd Feb – Friday 5th March

Students who are children of critical workers and those vulnerable students can continue to be supervised on school site for the first two weeks of next term.

As a reminder, students need to be booked into this provision and cannot simply arrive at school. This is to ensure that we have the correct ratio of staff students and that those students entitled to free school meals have been allocated them.

Given the need to adhere to social distancing and tracking the capacity of the provision on site, for the first two weeks of next term students will be able to book for a maximum of three days per week. This will enable more students to be able to access the onsite provision. Those students who have an EHCP and those who are looked after will be able to access the site for 5 days each week, as discussed in previous contact home.

The booking form for this fortnight can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kkVN2UUqgzosIzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UMjIwOUIGVIZCUDRFSU1SWDZGQ0dKQjQ3Mi4u

This form will open at 5pm this evening and close at noon on Tuesday 16th February. If the situation for families does change all enquiries should be directed to nailsch@nailseaschool.com Spaces can only be allocated for this fortnightly period if they are available.

Finally....

as we come to the end of this most extraordinary term, I would like to thank you for all your continued support. Naturally, given we are now on holiday, the school will not be setting any work for pupils during the break. This will help students have a break from their devices and we would encourage everyone to try and have as much screen free time as possible.

I will hopefully be able to provide more information after the half term holiday about the reopening of our school but in the meantime please continue to stay in touch and contact us if there is anything we can do to support you or your family. I hope you continue to stay safe, helped by us all following the guidelines during half term, so that we can protect the community and hopefully all students can return as soon as possible.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher