



19 March 2021

Dear Parents/carers

Although we had planned carefully for the full reopening, it was not possible to predict how successful it would be. One week on, I can report that our students have returned with enthusiasm and a positive outlook. We know that some students may have found the return more challenging. If this is still the case with your son/daughter, please do make us aware so we can put additional help or support in place, contacting the Head of Year in the first instance.

I think it has become apparent that our students certainly appreciate the value of school; not just to provide an education but also to provide positive social interactions. It is continuing to be a joy to have the students back in the building. I would also like to thank the staff who have bounced back into school with agility and energy. They have taught, listened, checked in on wellbeing and even been present during clinical testing!

This week's key information is listed below:

Notifying the school about suspected/confirmed cases of COVID-19

All families should continue to use the c19@nailseaschool.com email address to notify the school of any suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 within their households. This email is monitored at all times and using this as the means of notification will enable the school to take any follow up action as required as promptly as possible.

Asymptomatic testing of staff and pupils in schools and colleges over the Easter holiday

It is important for staff and students to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week). NHS Test and Trace will be supplying sufficient test kits to schools and colleges to enable this to happen. Please note this is late change from the Government this week and students were given a different instruction during the testing sessions that took place before the u-turn. I will be sharing more details of the plans over the Easter break in my letter next week.

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Conduct before and after school

As you know I mentioned in my letter last week some reports that had been passed on about student behaviour at the Station Road entrance. I have to say over the last few days when I have been on this exit, I have been very proud of the way our students conducted themselves leaving school.

I would ask parents that know their child cycles to school to reiterate the importance of cycling safely and wearing a helmet. As a further reminder Crown Glass Precinct does not permit cycling and students visiting the local shops/cutting through the precinct at the end of the school day will need to dismount and walk through the centre.

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together (NSPCWT) parent survey

NSPCWT is the local parent carer forum in North Somerset and this group represents the collective voice of parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities. Their annual parent survey is now live and they would be really grateful for any contributions from Nailsea parents.

They particularly want to find out how well you feel your child is supported by education, health and social care services in North Somerset and to know how well parents and carers are supported to care for their child. All responses will be stored securely and kept confidential and anonymous. The link to the survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/21NSPCWT>

End of Term 4 and start of term 5

The last day of term 5 is Wednesday 31st March. Students return to school on Monday 19th April which will be a week B2

Changes to History teaching in Term 5

As her classes will know, Mrs Dowland will start her maternity leave at the end of this term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. Current classes should be aware, therefore, that they will be taught by another teacher for terms 5 and 6. Please be assured that the same content and assessments will be completed as they would have done if Mrs Dowland was present.

Finally.....

We are four days away from the date, a year ago, that schools were ordered to close to the vast majority of students in the first national lockdown. From a personal point of view this both seems a lifetime ago and yet only like yesterday – I am sure many students can still remember me finding it very difficult failing, to hold back the tears in the assemblies we managed to hold with the year groups that were still in school in those last few days.

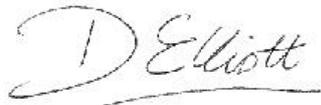
Reflecting on the last year this quotation seemed entirely appropriate,

‘If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you’.

There have certainly been challenges for us all personally, as families, as a school community and nationally. Yet, I also believe that our experiences have changed us all, and in many ways all be it bizarrely, very much for the better.

Have a restful weekend

Take care and be kind

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Elliott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the headteacher.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher