



# Nailsea School

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16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/carers

I trust you have all enjoyed a well-deserved break. Ahead of the return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April (it will be week B2) I wanted to take the opportunity to pass on a few reminders.

## **Asymptomatic Home Testing**

Thank you for continuing with the twice weekly (preferably on Sunday and Wednesday) Lateral Flow Device testing at home over the Easter break. It continues to be the case that any positive result with these tests should prompt the immediate self-isolation of households whilst a confirmatory PCR test is sought and waited for.

Please continue to let us know, via [c19@nailseaschool.com](mailto:c19@nailseaschool.com), of any positive results and any need for isolation periods.

## **Government guidance**

The government updated their guidance on how schools should be operating during the summer term over the Easter break (see [Schools coronavirus \(COVID-19\) operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance))

This confirmed the need for students and staff to continue to wear face masks in classrooms, as they had been prior to the break. As a reminder, students are expected to

- Arrive at school with their own face mask and many are taking the option of coming to school with a spare.
- Wear the face mask on entry to school buildings, whilst walking around corridor areas and when in classrooms.
- Remove face masks when eating or drinking
- Remove face masks when outside

There were a small number of students who were arriving at school without a face mask at the end of last term. There will be a charge added to Parent Pay for students that arrive at school without a face mask. Where this applies, we would ask that the payment is made. Thanks, in advance, for supporting the school with these measures.

Given the national picture we will be reviewing our risk assessment this week and any changes or updates will be made available in my weekly updates to families.

## **Summer 2021 GCSE, A Level and Vocational Qualification Result Awarding**

As we expected our exam year students approached the plans for their certification with great maturity prior to the Easter break with the assessment schedule having been shared. We are very aware that some students may have been anxious about these plans. I hope the break has given the chance for these students to reassure themselves that the assessments planned for this term are just opportunities to show us how successful their learning has been, despite the challenges over the last 12 months.

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As well as the assessment schedule being shared with parents I am aware that there is a wealth of information related to subject plans on Show My Homework, which I would urge families to refer to. If parents or students are in any doubt I would ask they contact their subject teacher/Curriculum Leader for clarification.

Staff contact details can be found here [Nailsea-School-Staff-Contact-List.pdf](#)

### **Uniform expectations**

As a school we appreciated that during lockdown it may have been difficult to source new items of expected uniform if they had been outgrown. As such staff had been lenient and understood the need for compromise in the last three weeks of term 4.

From the start of term 5 (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April) all students are expected to return to school with **full and correct uniform**. As a reminder the details can be found here: [Uniform – Nailsea School](#)

The vast majority of our students wear our uniform correctly and without issue. However, I would like to draw specific attention to the following key reminders:

- Leggings cannot be worn as a replacement for trousers
- The only hoodie permitted on site is the Leavers' Hoodie worn by year 11 students
- Students are expected to attend school, in the school PE kit, on the days they have PE lessons
- Nose rings/studs are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them.
- Impractically long acrylic nails and nail varnish are not permitted and students will be asked to remove them.

We ask that parents support us by ensuring that students leave for school in the correct uniform. It is important these standards are maintained across the school as it serves as an important symbol of the expectations of our community and the high standards we set.

### **Mobile phone expectations**

Mobile phones have been a valuable resource during remote learning but some students have struggled to pull themselves away from their screens during the day. As a reminder our policy is that mobile phones and headphones are 'off and away for the whole school day' and should not be seen when on site. Staff will be challenging students who are not adhering to these expectations.

### **Ramadan 2021**

Ramadan Mubarak to our families that started Ramadan on 12 April. It is important the school knows which students will be fasting so that we can support them. I would ask that parents contact the relevant Head of Year to make them aware if this is the case. Thank you for your support.

### **Cars dropping off and picking up on school site**

As a reminder, parents can only drive into school and drop off/pick off students at reception by prior arrangement with the Head of House. With students crossing the car park from the coach drop off to access their different bubble entrances and students cycling into school using different entrances it has been concerning to see a couple of 'near misses' between cars and students during term 4. In these instances, the cars should not have been driving onto school site in the first place.

From the start of term 5 (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April) staff will be challenging parents who are driving onto site without prior arrangement and writing directly to those choosing to ignore this polite and reasonable request. I would hope the majority of our families understand the need to have the health and safety of all concerned as the priority and would adhere to our expectations. Thank you, in advance.

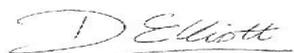
### **Finally...**

the summer term will be a busy one but hopefully one that will provide brighter weather and will be accompanied by brighter times ahead for everyone.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all students on Monday. Enjoy the weekend in the meantime.

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 above the printed name of the sender.

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher