



23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/carers

With some restrictions relaxed on 12<sup>th</sup> April, amidst a fortnight off school, there could have been some anxiety of students returning back expecting greater freedoms and with defences down. I am delighted to report that they have returned to the in school limitations of masks, sanitisation and one way systems with characteristic good nature. The more pleasant weather makes ventilating classrooms easier and the school field is now back in use. I trust our students have all enjoyed the sun this week – it has been great to see them back in school.

This week's key information is listed below:

### **Risk Assessment Update**

Following a meeting held this week the governors are in the process of evaluating and agreeing the proposal for changes, following the changes in the national picture. I plan to include the finalised document with my weekly letter next week with the changes coming into place in the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

As you may have seen on social media we are currently awaiting a delivery of new home testing kits. As soon as these arrive on site these will be distributed to the relevant year groups.

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

All families should continue to use the [c19@nailseaschool.com](mailto: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.

### **Teacher Assessed Grade Process**

Students in year 11 and 13 are continuing to complete their assessments as part of the altered exam process. In line with national guidance we will be submitting our Centre Assessed Grade Policy to the Joint Council of Qualifications (JCQ) before the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> April. Once this has been approved, and in order to be as transparent as possible this document will then be shared with families.

### **Planning for Term 6 and for September**

It is at this time of year that we traditionally turn to the planning of the many events in term 6 and begin to look towards next academic year. Given this has been a very different year we would be grateful for both parent and student input into the review of existing systems (such as the targeted focus of year 11 tutor sessions) and any views and suggestions on how these can be improved. Please look out for a parent survey that will be sent out next week. Students will have a link posted on Show My Homework. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

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### **Year 11 Update**

It was lovely to be able to hold the year 11 photo this week – although in a very different way! Many thanks to Colorfoto who enabled this milestone moment to happen with the very 21<sup>st</sup> century method of photographing one row of students at a time and then going away to photoshop us all into the traditional whole cohort photo.

I know that there are still some questions regarding the final day for year 11 students being expected in school. Plans for this date and the plans for induction into the 6<sup>th</sup> form are being finalised and these will be shared in next week's letter. Thank you for bearing with us whilst these are confirmed.

### **Enrichment/After School Clubs**

Well done to all the students that have taken part in the PE extra curricular activities that have taken place this week.

On related matters, if you are a keen gardener and you have any spare plants, our gardening club would be delighted to receive any donations. The strawberries have been planted and they are ready to increase their portfolio! If you can help please email Mrs Summerell-Furlong on [esummerell-furlong@nailseaschool.com](mailto:esummerell-furlong@nailseaschool.com)

### **Finally.....**

stage one of the GEHR project (Great Elliott Hair Recovery) was completed last weekend, as some of you may have seen from my update on Twitter. Stage 2 (the cut) is this week and, as before, I am ridiculously excited!

I hope you enjoy the weekend and that the sun continues to shine as perhaps you venture out - possibly to the shops, joining me at a hairdresser or enjoying a cold lemonade in a local hostelry.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully



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Head teacher