



Nailsea School

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11th June 2021

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break – especially as the weather was very kind. Although other schools locally have had a number of Covid cases since the return in term 6, at the time of writing there has been no action that we have needed to take at Nailsea. We are, of course, at the mercy of the virus and cannot be complacent. Continuing to be sensible and continuing with our weekly testing regimes will enable us to continue to get back to 'normal' for September. As a school we do need to adhere to government guidance – which may or may not change in the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 14th June. Following the press conference where any news of further changes to be brought in from 21st June will be shared, we will look at how/if this applies to the day to day workings/planned events at Nailsea and families will be notified.

Reminder of changes for Term 6

As mentioned at the end of last term this week has signalled some key changes with timings and spaces. With a week off and the two INSET days this week I felt a further reminder may be useful.

- **Yr 10 students** They will now be accessing the Juice bar and not the GLT inside. They will be occupying the outdoor space left by yr11 (top part of the field as well as the grass area by the 4G). The students should enter and exit the building through the Juice Bar. Students can access this entrance from Mizzymeade Road by walking alongside and around the Dance Studio and the Sports Hall.
- **Breaktimes** will revert to being 20 minutes and lunchtimes will return to 40 minutes. This means that the timings of the school day for Term 6 are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday timings:

Period 1 - 8:40 - 9:40
Period 2 - 9:40 - 10:40
Break - 10:40 - 11:00
Period 3 11:00 - 12:00
Period 4 - 12:00 - 1pm
Lunch - 1:00pm - 1:40pm
Tutor time - 1:40 - 2pm
Period 5 - 2pm - 3pm

Wednesdays timings:

Period 1 - 8:40 - 9:35
Period 2 - 9:35 - 10:30
Break - 10:30 - 10:50
Period 3 10:50 - 11:45
Period 4 - 11:45 - 12:40 pm
Lunch - 12:40pm - 1:20pm
Tutor time - 1:20 - 2pm
Period 5 - 2pm - 3pm

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'Covid Keepers' Survey

The school, as ever at this time of year, is looking ahead to September and we would very much like your input about some possible 'Covid Keepers'. These are things that we have HAD to introduce this year that we may CHOOSE to make normal practice.

The link below is your opportunity to feedback on three key areas and to add any other comments/suggestions.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqnzoslzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UMIFURjRHSVBFRVNWRUdGM1VFUVIJNVAXSy4u

The survey will close at 3pm on Thursday 17th June. Thanks in advance for taking the time in providing feedback.

Laptop updates

During the National Lockdown we were able to loan out many laptops to support the remote learning of our students. The devices are now in need of updating and some software needs to be re-installed. As you can imagine, this is potentially quite a large job. With this in mind, we would ask that any devices be returned to us before the end of the academic year. Students should enter the building through their usual bubble entrance and notify the member of staff on the entrance who will take the laptop for updating. Please be assured that if your son/daughter would like to borrow a laptop for the new academic year, this can be arranged in September.

RSE Consultation

Relationships, health and sex education continues to be a statutory requirement in schools and the guidance has recently been updated.

Looking ahead to September 2021 when the delivery will begin, we would like to direct parents to the draft policy in order to seek comments and feedback.

Please see the letter and policy that are additions to this letter, both of which give further details about the content and how to respond.

6th form taster sessions

I hope the students attending these online sessions are enjoying them as much as the staff are in meeting the students that will be year 12. As a reminder all sessions are online and if anyone has any questions or queries please contact the subject teacher or Mr Reddiford, Head of 6th form.

Year 10 and 12 exams

Best of luck to those students in year 10 who are completing their end of year exams/assessments in all subjects (year 10 in classrooms and year 12 in the GLT).

As mentioned before the break, as yet, no official announcement has been made on any changes to the way these students will be assessed in summer 2022. As soon as there are any details available I will inform families.

Finally...

the first two days of this week were ones where teaching staff were on site as part of the INSET programme. A key part of the time spent was re-evaluating the techniques and strategies that staff use in classrooms to ensure students have the very best experience to make progress. Although always more daunting delivering a 'lesson' to your peers compared to students, I really enjoyed spending time with the 'Questioning and Feedback' group where we had some great discussions learning from each other. All staff have 'homework' – trialling a strategy with a selected class over the next three weeks. It would be interesting to see how and when students notice any differences. Student feedback, as always will be sought in due course. In the meantime, enjoy your weekend

Take care and be kind
Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Elliott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher