



# Nailsea School

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Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for your understanding and support this week as the school fell victim to a Virgin Media internet outage. This also had an impact on the streaming of the Year 10 Information Evening presentation which was due on Thursday, which will be rearranged. The lack of internet access meant teachers could not access their cloud based resources for lessons but also that our phonelines were also out of action. The use of social media accounts became a key way that we could continue to communicate and I would strongly recommend parents follow the school Facebook page and/or the school Twitter handle (@nailseaschool). Thank fully we are now back to 'business as usual'.

## **Covid Update**

A reminder parents should continue to use the c19@nailseaschool email address to report any issues related to Covid-19. It would be very helpful if this initial email included the name and tutor group of the child and the date when symptoms started, if any. Once confirmed information related to the end of isolation is also very helpful. This will ensure that our records are updated internally and classroom teachers can be informed.

At present we have under 1% of the school population (10 students) that have either tested positive for Covid-19 or are awaiting PCR results in years 7-11. As mentioned previously this is, when compared to other schools regionally, a low number. This does not mean we should become complacent and families can help mitigate the spread of the virus by

- Continue twice weekly at home testing to pick up asymptomatic cases
- Not attending school if suffering from symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, loss of taste or smell, continuous cough). If your child does show symptoms please take them for a PCR test as per NHS guidelines.
- Masks must be worn on home-to-school transport and are strongly recommended for those who travel to school by public transport.
- Masks can be worn on the school site if so desired by staff and students.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19, please ensure you follow all guidance on isolation from the NHS. If your child is well enough to complete school work whilst in isolation they can access work set for them by their class teachers via ClassCharts (as Blended Learning) .

With the arrival of October and the weather now on the turn, we know that seasonal colds and flus will start to emerge. Should you be concerned about symptoms that do not appear on the official government symptoms list, it would be advisable for students to test daily over the few days where they are feeling less well and consider wearing a face covering, for additional reassurance

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In line with the updated school guidance published in September there is no need for letters to be sent every time a student is a confirmed positive. However, through this weekly letter, I will continue to update on the general picture and, of course, if any additional measures need to be introduced all families will be informed when this decision has been taken.

### **Parking on MizzyMead Road**

We have received complaints about the parking on Mizzymead Road. Can I remind parents collecting students to park away from the exits of the school and not to park on double yellow lines. When parking in adjacent roads again please be mindful of not blocking driveways. Thank you for helping to keep the areas around the school safe for our students and the community.

### **Finally...**

the quality of applications received for Student Ambassador roles for each house have been superb. Students who have applied will be notified next week on the next steps. Please do encourage them to keep an eye on their student email. It was particularly great to see so many year 7 students (who have only been with us 5 weeks) having the confidence and commitment to apply. I have quoted some of the responses in my opening to the termly newsletter that will be sent home next week so I won't duplicate here, but needless to say, the future of the Students' Council is in very safe hands.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DElliott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Mrs Dee Elliott  
Head teacher