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Dear Parents/carers

I hope things are well with you all. There is lots of information in this week's letter but I hope you find this a useful reference point for the coming week.

Updated Risk Assessment

As mentioned last week, the governors have approved the amendments to our school risk assessment. This document, version 15, can be found here [Covid-19 Latest – Nailsea School](#)

Many things are currently remaining the same (face masks, bubbles, double lessons, regular sanitising, regular home testing) but we are moving towards a further return to greater normality as the national picture changes. All changes are shown in **green** on the document and will come into effect in week commencing 3rd May.

In brief the key changes to version 15 are:

- *Resources* (books/paper) can now be shared by staff and students given the control measures in place. This includes students and staff taking books to and from home if needed to mark/revise.
- *Prospective student visits* - These can happen when they are prearranged and are after school hours/when existing students are not on site to prevent bubbles mixing.
- *Practical subjects and access to specialist rooms* – students will begin having access to the Science superlabs, music practice rooms and technology workshops. The aim is that this will start with year group bubbles and if and when national restrictions continue to ease this can continue to increase.

The risk assessment will be reviewed ahead of term 6 and in line with the national roadmap.

Lateral Flow Tests

Thanks to all the students that are continuing to take lateral flow tests and report their test results on Sundays and Wednesdays. There have been a few queries about the process and having clarified with Public Health England I felt it was useful to pass on the guidance given:

- if anyone records a positive Lateral Flow Test result even if it is incorrect, they must have a PCR test so the loop can be closed
- if you have a positive LFT result at home you should not take another Lateral Flow Test in the hope it will be negative. You should record the original result, self-isolate (everyone in household) and arrange a PCR test within 2 days
- a negative PCR overrules a positive LFT (this was a change introduced a few weeks ago) and means that the isolation period can come to an end

Cycle Safety

A member of the public contacted me this week and during our conversation it was clear that she was quite shaken having witnessed a 'near miss' between one of our students entering the school on a bicycle and a car.

If your son/daughter does use a bicycle coming to school I would ask for a reminder about the importance of cycle safety to be discussed at home. Our priority, of course, is to ensure the safety of students and members of the public.

NSPCWT Parent Survey Results

Many thanks to all parents that responded to the North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together Survey that was advertised in a previous letter. For information a summary of the survey results are shown as an attachment.

Year 11 and 13 grading process

Year 11 and 13 students are continuing to apply themselves during the grading process and it has been extraordinary to see how flexible they and the staff have been in adapting to the changes.

The assessment window closes on Friday 28th May. However, a number of subjects will have completed their assessments prior to this date. During the final week of term, week commencing 24th May, students in years 11 and 13 will continue to attend lessons where there are still assessments to complete. If all assessments have been completed in a subject students will not be expected in school. A confirmed timetable will be included in my letter next week. Looking further ahead, Mr Reddiford has also contacted year 11 students about the planned 6th form Induction offer during term 6, which will be a mixture of virtual and face to face events.

At the end of next week many subjects will be at least half way through the assessment window. Curriculum areas will be identifying any students that have missed any of the assessments set to date during next week. The final week of term (week comm 24th May) will also provide an opportunity for students to complete any assessments that have been missed. Students will be contacted on an individual basis notifying them about the days they will be expected in school.

Queries about exams in summer 2022

A number of current year 10 and 12 students/parents have contacted the school regarding the plans that are in place for their examination period next year. Although it has been rumoured that there could be some changes introduced to these exams, given the disruption this cohort of students have experienced, these are yet to be officially confirmed.

Irrespective of the national announcement, we are working on plans to support students as they move between different year groups in September. As I mentioned in my assembly yesterday student feedback is really important and there are currently two surveys that students can complete. Both deadlines have been extended to **9am on Tuesday 4th May**.

Years 7 – 11 feedback:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqgzosIzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UNkE3UjNQUFhWT0ZPNEpCVDhNNjAxOU5RQS4u

Year 12/13 feedback:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wC_kKVN2UUqgzosIzVoQVW73i_5A2HxBoDhUtN-POA1UMeg1WlUzMzU1WjdBQjhMMEpUNkdUS0tRNi4u

Thanks in advance for contributing to this important review.

Wellbeing Art Tutorials

As part of Mental Health Awareness week (10th May - 16th May), Mrs Lane from Art has created 3 online art tutorials to complete at home with the whole family. Mrs Lane will go through a step-by-step guide to creating a piece of art that has been inspired by nature. Art is a great way to calm the mind, relax and focus on a drawing, being present in the moment. The tutorials use materials that everyone should have at home (a pencil, a biro and a fine liner or ink pen) Enjoy a walk with the family, collecting items in nature and have a go at the drawing activity. We hope you enjoy these sessions and if you would like to share your work, please tweet @artnailsea. The art tutorials can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtZ9IaFi9JPtFfJzm9knxIw>

Key Dates

- Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- Friday 28th May – End of term 5, 3pm
- Monday 7th June – INSET Day (School Closed to students)
- Tuesday 8th June – INSET day (School Closed to students)
- Monday 21st June – Wednesday 23rd June – 6th form Induction events
- Friday 2nd July – INSET Day (School Closed to students)
- Wednesday 21st July – End of term 6, 1pm

Finally....

although I am not a Formula One fan, I used a quotation from Lewis Hamilton in my assembly yesterday that really resonated.

'I don't aspire to be like other drivers, I aspire to be unique in my own way'

I went on to remind students that being 'unique' is not about being the best at everything, but by being the best version of ourselves. As ever, if everyone gives of their best that is all anyone can ask. I am sure that over the next term #teamnailsea will demonstrate, yet again, why this is such a unique and special place to work and learn

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully



Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher