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6th September 2024



Dear Parents/carers

It was great to see all students back on site this morning and term now feels as if it has properly started. It is a shame that the weather has not been sympathetic.

For those families new to the school a letter of this type will be sent home every Friday highlighting some key messages and news. In addition to this, a termly newsletter is also sent home 6 times a year, with the first of these compiled in the last weeks of October. I would urge parents/carers to try to take the time to read these letters on a weekly basis. These are not the only ways, however that you can and should receive communication with the school.

Staff email addresses can be accessed through the school website here <u>Staff-List-2023-2024.pdf</u> (<u>nailseaschool.com</u>) and, as a reminder, for any issue or query you may have, your child's tutor should be the first point of contact. The tutor will then liaise with any other staff as relevant.

As a polite reminder all tutors will have a teaching timetable and so it may be that messages are not picked up until after the school day. As a school we have a policy that all communication will be responded to within 48 hours, to enable staff to process the request and seek the correct information before a response. Thanks, in advance for adhering to and understanding the reasons for these processes.

Other key messages and reminders can be found below:

Parent Communication

School Gateway is currently experiencing issues which means parents are unable to login. We have suspended use of School Gateway until we hear from the company that the issues have been resolved.

Parents on site at the start and end of the day

As parents know our site is an incredibly secure one and we place the wellbeing and safety of our students as a key daily priority.

I would ask, for safeguarding reasons, that parents meet their children at the MizzyMead Road gate and, if picking up by car, a location is agreed off site rather than driving into the car park or walking up to the reception/student entrance to collect students.

Those students, for specific reasons linked to additional needs who do need to be collected on site, should confirm this with their Head of House to ensure that a car park pass is provided.

Thank you, in advance, for keeping the number of vehicles and adults on site at the start and end of the day to a minimum so that students remain safe.





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The school website contains a range of information that parents could find useful, particularly those new to the school and is a way of finding immediate answers rather than waiting for a member of staff to respond to your query. The website also has curriculum details for every subject. The main curriculum section is here Curriculum - Nailsea School and by clicking on your choice of subject and then the 'Curriculum Map' tab parents will be able to see what is being covered in class over the course of the year.

Finally... for those families that live in Nailsea they will notice there will be quite a lot of activity in the car park tomorrow. Nailsea Christchurch are holding a special prayer event for the community which will be held in our Atrium and Dining room area. The guest visitor is the current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Irrespective of whether you hold religious beliefs or not, it is a real honour to be hosting an event with such a key national figure in attendance.

Have a lovely weekend

Head teacher



