



Nunthorpe
Academy

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Welcome back – Physical Education update COVID 19.

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter back into the Academy following what has been a very strange time; I hope they are well and eager to start the new academic year, following the summer break.

In light of recent government guidance, Physical Education on the National Curriculum is going to look very different, I have therefore outlined some of the changes below. The welfare and safety of our students is paramount and hopefully this letter will alleviate some of the stresses and worries that you or your son/daughter may have, to ensure that the level of risk is minimised.

In the first instance, students will be unable to access the sports facilities, including the changing rooms and will not be able to get changed for PE. However, all students are expected to come prepared to each lesson with appropriate footwear (trainers). If a student arrives to the lesson unorganised and without a change of footwear, the school behaviour policy will be followed, and a 1-hour detention will be issued. Students will then be expected to take part in a safe practical environment in their allocated bubble area on the school field.

Secondly, the structure of PE lessons will differ initially as the use of equipment is currently prohibited due to the risks of contamination. Lessons will primarily focus on team building and basic fitness related activities to ensure that student contact is limited, and social distancing is adhered to where possible. Government guidance will be checked on a weekly basis and any changes will be discussed prior to implementation and in line with the school risk assessment document.

In addition to this, students have been separated into their 'year group bubbles' and allocated a classroom for each of their PE lessons. With the use of practical spaces being limited to outdoor and open areas (tennis courts and the field) any practical lessons will be subjected to appropriate weather conditions at the Head of Departments discretion. Although I can appreciate that a number of students will be disappointed if practical PE may not be an option on some days, it is imperative that both staff and students are flexible and able to support one another through these difficult and uncertain times.

We look forward to welcoming back your son/daughter in the coming weeks and we thank you in advance for your understanding, support, and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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