

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the further government update announced by the Prime Minister last night, the following are the amended arrangements as of **Wednesday 6th January until 12th February** (half term). Please note that this information is subject to change in line with government guidance and any updates will be communicated via the website as usual. I will endeavour to post a weekly update via the academy website as I have been doing since the first lockdown in March.

The government has decided that secondary schools in England should close to all but vulnerable and critical workers children and that all other provision should be delivered remotely.

This means the following:

From Wednesday 6 January, the following pupils should come in to the academy:

- **Vulnerable children (children with an EHCP or social work involvement)**
- **Children of critical workers** (please email jsinclair@nunthorpe.co.uk to inform us of your child's name, year group and tutor group, if you wish to access this offer)

If you are unsure about whether or not your child falls into one of these categories, please contact your child's pastoral manager for confirmation.

Provision on site: Students accessing the above provision will be placed in year group bubbles within their current year group area and supervised by a combination of learning support staff, faculty support assistants, pastoral staff and the Senior Leadership Team. Students will access their subject lessons following their timetable and will access their own subject specialist teacher via laptop and headphones within these supervised rooms. Staff will be there to ensure a safe and orderly working environment and assist where necessary. Students will need to provide their own set of headphones that they bring with them on a daily basis. Individual tables, seats and laptops will be allocated with a clear seating plan for identification should any student test positive for covid-19 so that we can complete track and trace and inform close contacts.

Students should attend in full academy uniform and provide all of their own equipment. All current hand hygiene and social distancing will continue, however students and staff must now also wear a face mask at all times other than when eating. It is essential that each student has at least two facemasks per day and a plastic bags to store them in separately.

Students should access the site via the turnstile gate. Student staggered arrival, breaks, lunch and finish times will remain the same. Students will need to bring a packed lunch unless they are FSM in which case a grab bag will be provided as previously.

All other students from all year groups will receive remote education.

Remote education will follow your child's usual timetable and invites to zoom sessions will be sent through Classcharts as previously. Your child's form tutor will be completing phone call well being checks during this period if your child does not attend their zoom tutor session or timetabled lessons. If you require prioritising please email your child's form tutor or pastoral manager directly if you are unable to access remote learning due to a lack of equipment. All email addresses are on the academy website.

Expectations for remote learning:

- 1) All scheduled lessons will take place as per the academy timetable via the Zoom video platform.
- 2) Invites for Zoom lessons should be added to the student timetables in Class Charts within 48 hours of the lesson being delivered.
- 3) Zoom lessons will last the duration of the lesson, e.g. 1-hour lessons.
- 4) Teaching staff will register student attendance to Zoom lessons using Class Charts. The 6 code must be used to denote attendance whilst the N code is used for absence.
- 5) Learning should, where appropriate sequentially follow the normal curriculum planning and be appropriately engaging, challenging and relevant.
- 6) Learning opportunities will be differentiated for students to access and be sympathetic to the needs of students.
- 7) Learning should include opportunities for teachers to check the progress students are making and feed this back to students. Written feedback should continue to be in line with the academy marking and feedback policy.
- 8) Home learning will continue to be set following the academy home learning policy.

Free School Meals

As you are aware you are able to claim a bag of shopping, for each Nunthorpe registered child, for each of the six weeks that students have been asked to work from home. Email sworton@nunthorpe.co.uk if you have any queries.

As you are aware Nunthorpe has had to respond to the latest government guidance.

If you receive Free School Meals or have done in the last six years please read the information below.

Nunthorpe Academy has a number of laptops that are available to borrow during periods of enforced isolation. If you meet the criteria above please contact your pastoral team and they will ensure that a laptop is loaned to your child to complete their work/lessons on during this period.

Testing

Due to the current logistical changes required, the mass testing of students and staff will be delayed at the academy at current time. The opportunity will be taken over the next couple of weeks to complete further training and planning to ensure that all staff and students are tested on their return to the academy. The tests that are offered in schools are the lateral-flow tests. These are easy to use and self-administered, producing a result within 30 minutes.

Next week we will email you consent forms and a leaflet / further guidance about the tests in preparation. Participation in testing is voluntary but those who are eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the chance of transmission.

Thank you for supporting the academy as always.

Many thanks for your patience.

Take care and stay safe.

Kate Kell
Head of School