



Update for parents and carers: Monday 6th July 2020

This update explores:

- **Government guidance for schools: September 2020**
- **First day of term: September 3rd: Y7 only and staggered start for other year groups over the subsequent few days.**
- **Year 11: Assembly, Letter and Results Day.**
- **Connect4Summer programme**
- **Creativity challenge.**
- **Contact with new Tutors**

Government guidance for schools: September 2020

Learning at Noadswood continues this week as last, with the programmes of live lessons for all year groups via Microsoft Teams, additional learning for Y9 and 10 students online, face to face contact for Y10 students and Keyworker students, as well as time in school for some students needing specific support.

As you will know, the Government has now published its guidance concerning the rules and expectations for the safe opening of schools in September 2020. We look forward so much to welcoming students back to us.

The link for you to explore this guidance in the version created for parents and carers is here ([click here](#)) and the full guidance for schools can be found here ([click here](#)).

We urge you to read it if you can, so that you can get behind the headlines and so that you can share with us your comments and questions to health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Your thoughts and concerns will inform our planning, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. One or two of you have already done so regarding uniform expectations in this context, and we will publish our thinking on that on Thursday this week.

If you explore the guidance, you will see, as we do, that there will continue to be significant changes compared to how the school usually operates for each year group.



We will share our initial plans for this next week, which we will continue to update during the summer break – please note I will be writing to you approximately fortnightly during the school break, so do check your ePraise or our social media platforms so you can connect to the letters which will be updated according to:

- Our continued planning as a Leadership Team and wider staff team;
- Any wholesale new Government guidance or even tweaks!
- Our work with members of our Board of Governors and our Health and Safety Advisor, all of whom are supporting us with our plans.

Please do get involved with this process if you'd like to – we definitely remain stronger together, as well as more likely to address the worries on your mind if you express them exactly as you feel them.

First day of Term: Thursday 3rd September 2020

This will be a full day of school for **Year 7 ONLY** owing to the fact that we have not been able to welcome this year group as Year 6s for any of the usual events that help so much with the all-important transition into secondary school life.

We are also considering staggering the return of the other year groups over the few days following in order to give them the care and attention they need, too. It will also be prudent to share the rules for each year group with real care, which will be easier to achieve during a staggered start of just a few days.

We know you very much need to plan and so we will therefore confirm the first day back for each year group next week.

Year 11: Assembly, letter and Results Day

There will be an assembly for Year 11 going out via ePraise and our social media platforms on **Wednesday 8th July 2020 – it would be great if you could help us out by letting the students know, because we understand they're not checking in to ePraise so much now.**

We have also published two important letters for them in the last week:

- [Year 11 GCSE Results Day Information](#)
- [Newsletter](#)



In these letters, you'll see that our fervent hope is to run **an open air, physically distanced in person Results Day on Thursday August 20th 2020, one House at a time**. The letter about this event includes the arrival time for your child's House. If we cannot run this event, for any reason concerning the virus or guidance we receive, you will know straightaway. The students can get in touch with their ideas for their Prom that we will run when it is safe to do so, by emailing: prom@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Connect4Summer programme:

I am keen to promote Connect4Summer run by Park and Romsey Community Schools in the venues below:



It is a programme delivering fun, summer inclusive activities to families who struggle to afford the cost of activities and food during the summer break. Check out the website for more details and to book your children in: www.connect4.org.uk

Creativity Challenge:

This one's for our younger students: it would be good to point them to writer Cressida Cowell's Creativity Summer Camp that runs this week Monday 6th – Friday 10th July.



There will be a range of activities for budding writers and artists, connected to some of the best in the business, so encourage your youngsters to have a look ([click here](#)). There has never been a more important time to keep them focused on their talents and their potential than right now.



Contact with new tutors:

The students' new tutors are looking forward very much to connecting with your sons and daughters over Microsoft Teams during the next fortnight. They will be in contact to set this up with a view to having a really good chat about how things are for your child in terms of their learning and their wellbeing.

I would like to remind everyone that we have changed the organisation of our tutor groups to ones containing students of the same year group, within the same House (rather than different year groups within that House) because we believe that the students working together with their peers in their year group is the best way for us to RESTORE our school. We're going to work together to:

- **R**ecover their confidence and security about their school and their education,
- **E**ngage them with activities and input through tutor time that will be really bang on pertinent to them,
- **S**hare amongst them the best advice and guidance for you at the stage of your education they have reached,
- **T**ake the sense of stress and maybe even trauma down as many notches as we can, that the students have experienced through a long lockdown, by giving them a tutor whose focus is them as students at a particular point with specific concerns,
- **O**ffer opportunities for them to deepen your connections within year groups that they learn with and spend the bulk of school time with after such a gap,
- **R**estore relationships that have paused, that they can lean into throughout your school week,
- **E**mpathise with each year group in the most focused and targeted ways we can.

The final update of this term will be next Monday July 13th 2020, but in the meantime, please do keep in touch at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

With our thanks for your continued support and resilience,

Kathryn Marshall and the Noadswood Leadership Team