



UPDATE including partial closure of the school tomorrow – Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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This is in addition to the guidance around self-isolation which continues to be:

- Please can we request that should any member of your family, or of our school community – young people and adults alike – show or have any symptoms of the virus, eg temperature, fever, persistent cough, or have cold or flu like symptoms, then your child should not come into school tomorrow, and neither should you as a visitor or colleague. Please notify the school this evening or tomorrow morning at health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we will be in touch with further advice which will follow the UK guidance of 14 days self-isolation
- Additionally, if you or your child have been in direct contact with someone who has been tested OR who has the symptoms above OR who doctors believe may have the virus, please may we request that your child does not come to school and that you do not attend as a visitor or a colleague. Again, let us know at health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we will contact you with further advice as above.

As a result of our needing to follow all of the above guidance and its continued impact on staffing levels, it means we will therefore have to continue a planned programme of partial school closure.

We are now asking, please for:

YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 NOT TO BE IN SCHOOL TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH, THURSDAY 19th MARCH OR FRIDAY 20th MARCH, with the exception of any Year 9 or 10 children who belong to families in our frontline services, doing their all to support communities at this terribly tough time – you know if you and your family are in this position, and so please ask your child to come to school as normal and report to the hall.

Our rationale is to ensure the continuity of community at school for our youngest year groups this week, so that as many of you as possible can continue in your employment as are able to without worry about our youngest ones being at home, and then, of course, continuity of learning for our Y11 pupils at this time in their educational careers. We realise this means Year 9 will have had one further day away from school than any other year group, but please may I assure you we are working to ensure the very maximum number of young people can be in school as normal, without compromising safety.

We will review during the rest of this week whether this plan will be sufficient to get us to the end of Friday on a daily basis and we will also review, of course, in advance of next week.



Students in Years 9 and 10 should work from home accessing the FROG portal that Mr Hewitt mailed you all about on ePraise that is packed full of work for them to do. Team Leaders and members of the Leadership Team are meeting this afternoon once again to make sure that all is easily accessible for those who have to be at home. I have also written to all pupils today and lots of us will be doing so regularly, with a focus on wellbeing and the Noadswood community remaining in place, wherever we happen to be over the coming weeks. Additionally, **if your son/daughter is in school and has PE between now and the end of the week**, please could they bring with them a reading book/independent study work in case we do not have the capacity to avoid lessons being in classrooms instead of PE as usual.

Please continue to follow all of the advice in yesterday's mail out regarding how to contact the school about different matters, related to the virus or otherwise - we are so welcoming your open and transparent communications to us, coming in to the right addresses and platforms, at this challenging time - keep that coming.

We want to conclude today with some information for parents and carers of Year 11 as below:

Missed Year 11 March Mock Exams

These exams will be completed when pupils return to school at a time when convenient for both teacher and pupil. In some cases, we may have to send the mock exam home with the pupil so it can be completed. In the meantime there are practice papers on our FROG portal for pupils to be practicing until they return.

Year 10 and 11 Exam Coursework

We are aware that exam coursework is still to be completed in some cases. Our department Team Leaders are aware of this issue and will be forthcoming with any advice as and when they can. We are committed to ensuring that no pupil will be disadvantaged against their peers for coursework issues during this challenging time.

Year 11 Summer Exams

We are aware of the very real concerns about the upcoming Summer GCSE examinations. We are in close contact with JCQ and as soon as we are provided with any information, we will share it with you. Until we hear otherwise our pupils should continue to revise as usual, using the huge array of material which is available to them via the FROG portal.

With our heartfelt thanks for your continued support,

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