



UPDATE TO PARENTS AND CARERS: THURS 19TH MARCH 2020

1) Arrangements for tomorrow Friday 20th March: Noadswood will remain open for Years 7, 8 and 11:

As throughout the week, please email health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk if your child/any member of your household presents with any of the symptoms that could be of the virus and don't send your child in/approach school as a visitor or a colleague – see this week's previous memos for the descriptions of these symptoms.

Please also email this address if, for any other reason, your child needs to remain at home as part of the Government guidance around social distancing or you just need to talk to us about anything with respect to the virus and your family.

If your child won't be in for any other reason, please email attendance@noadswood.hants.sch.uk in the usual way.

Work for all pupils at home is available via the Frog portal as you know – **NB there will be a dip in service between 12 and 2pm tomorrow as we boost server capacity for it with so many of us making use. We want a lovely strong Frog!**

Year 11: We met them for an assembly this afternoon, and Mr Hewitt and I emphasized:

- We're here for them via ePraise or on email for questions, concerns, thoughts and ideas – make use of that vital communication so we stick together.
- We will let them – and you – know the minute we have updates about what is proposed instead of running the exam season, to ensure the pupils can make the next steps they need to make and have the qualifications they deserve. Nothing will be held back.
- Ways we think they could best access the Frog portal and how we will be developing this for them over the coming weeks, now the exams will not run.
- Our commitment to typical Leavers' activities such as hoodies/yearbooks/a reunion day as well as a Prom at a later date as previously discussed.

We have also said they can bring a shirt for signing tomorrow and we will provide an extended lunch break for them to do this – we continue to be just so proud of them and their commitment to all they're doing, even after the bombshell of news for them yesterday.

We would be so grateful for you continuing to avoid making phone calls into the school, as you have today – thank you SO much – as we complete our planning for provision from Monday 23rd March, for those children in frontline/key worker families and for some of our vulnerable youngsters to support them and their families, as per last night's Government guidance.

The next page will detail where we have got to with that planning for those young people and their families:

School will be open from 8.30am-3pm for the provision for pupils in frontline service/keyworker families and some of our vulnerable young people ONLY from Monday 23rd March – we are closed to *all* other pupils until further notice.

Pupils should arrive from 8.30am if they require breakfast, and no later than 9am and report to the LRC – they should not head to their tutor rooms or to other parts of the site, some of which will be kept locked during partial opening.

Thank you to the massive 75% of parents/carers who have already responded to our **survey** sent last night inviting you to confirm if you work in one of the frontline/key worker roles so crucial in this virus emergency. Mr Crowley has sent a reminder to those who haven't got to this yet, and we would strongly urge you to do so by **12 noon tomorrow Friday 20th March** to enable us to finish planning provision, please.

We have also begun work on a **rota of teaching and support staff colleagues** for the next two weeks in the first instance so that we can provide education, including physical exercise in the mix, across our normal school hours. We have met with teaching colleagues to begin to compile the staffing rota, ensuring we also have first aid coverage on sight, sufficient premises staff and sufficient admin and other support staff colleagues for provision to run safely and happily for all of the youngsters coming to school.

The work the pupils will do will be a combination of the assignments set to pupils' specific classes from their subject staff on our Frog portal, that everyone will be doing at home, and activities the staff in school plan and deliver. I remain incredibly grateful to my colleague's diligence and creativity in planning and preparing tasks both for Frog and for delivery in person as next week dawns – they've worked really hard, and we're aiming for equity of provision at home and at school in terms of the available resources in every way we can.

The pupils do NOT need to wear their uniform and we will relax the expectations of colleague dress code as well – this is so we can create a day that's definitely educationally valuable but is also rather more flexible for everyone.

Regarding attendance, if you indicate to us that your child will be accessing this provision, we understand that there may be days when it will not work for you, in terms of your shifts/work and family commitments, for them to come to school in these current circumstances. All you have to do is email us at health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we will amend our attendance accordingly.

If your son/daughter becomes unwell – virus related or otherwise – again just drop us a mail to the same address, and do the same if you make the decision that your child needs to self isolate or observe social distancing according to the Government guidance now or as it develops.

Please email your queries about the provision next week to health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk as we continue to complete our planning but we are happy to be able to put a definite offer to you tonight for those families who need it for Monday – we will write with further details tomorrow as we need to.

If your child is now to be working from home (but not self isolating/social distancing) and would like some resources/stationery, other than the whole school online offer, we have been putting together some resource packs for them – they may pop to the school between 10-11am on Monday 23rd March ONLY to collect a pack from Reception. This is the only slot for this, so encourage them to make use of it if they'd like to.

Free School Meals provision is another area for questions we know – we have today posted out supermarket vouchers to the value of two weeks' worth of Free School Meals to see us to the timing of the Easter Break, whilst we await more detail about the Government's proposed voucher scheme. We will keep everyone posted as we learn more.

We think that covers all the updates we have for this evening – thank you so much for absorbing and engaging with the changing information every day, and for the many comments of support and thanks to us and all the team here for our work in recent days and weeks. We shouldn't lose sight of the need to thank you and your children in just the same way, and we really do.

With our best wishes and our thoughts with you all,

Kathryn Marshall and all of the Noadswood Leadership Team