

Date: 28th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We still have no news regarding a potential date for a return to school. Whilst we await a decision, it is important that we try to continue operating as a school as 'normally' as possible.

Work will continue to be set for all students via Teams. It is important that students are following the timetable provided before the Easter holidays (available on our website - https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/KS3 and KS4 Timetable.pdf) If students do not have access to the internet, work is available to collect from school between the hours of 10-11am each day. As I said before Easter, please do not put too much pressure on yourself as a parent. It is likely that a majority of you are trying to complete your own work from home, alongside keeping a home and looking after siblings/elderly relatives etc. It is important that you focus on your own wellbeing and that of your child's during this time. If your child is struggling to complete their work, please encourage them to either contact a friend via social media or telephone for help or contact their teacher via Teams or email.

If you have any concerns regarding your child and their learning, please email you child's Head of Year using one of the email addresses below:

Year 7 – Miss Hemm – <u>Ihemm@nusa.org.uk</u> Year 8 – Miss Malhi – <u>gmalhi@nusa.org.uk</u> Year 9 – Miss Strawson – <u>Istrawson@nusa.org.uk</u> Year 10 – Mr James – <u>Ijames@nusa.org.uk</u> Year 11 – Mr Kirkby – <u>skirkby@nusa.org.uk</u>

Due to current pandemic, our reception area is not currently staffed but staff will be answering the phone should you not be able to email – 0115 929 1492.

We are now in the process of making contact with individual families where we have not seen any completion of work on TEAMs or via paper copy. We will be keeping in contact with students via email, our online assemblies and the challenges we set on our website. Heads of year are also contacting students via email to update them on issues which impact their year group directly. We would love to be able to speak to all of our students individually every single day, however, due to the vast number of students we have in our care, this is not possible. If you feel that your child would really benefit from a conversation on the phone with a member of staff to make them feel a little more at ease with school work, please email you child's Head of Year on the email address above.

Free School Meals

Due to the low uptake of food hampers and the preference for vouchers, we will be moving to vouchers only from Monday 4th May. Vouchers will be sent out by recorded delivery every two weeks. There will be no need to reapply if you have previously applied for a hamper or



vouchers. We have your details now. If you have not yet applied, please apply via the school website – www.nusa.org.uk
Take care and stay safe,
Emma Howard Head of School