

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

You will have no doubt watched the Prime Minister's speech last night which outlined the plans for the steps to move out of 'lockdown' and return to some semblance of normality. During the speech, the Prime Minister stated that 'Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays. And we will shortly be setting out detailed guidance on how to make it work in schools and shops and on transport.'

This means that the road ahead of us continues to be a long one regarding our return to school. We are really hopeful that we can get some of the children back in to school before the summer holidays. In the meantime we will continue to do the following:

### **Setting of work**

#### *Digital*

All work will continue to be set on TEAMS. TEAMS can be accessed via mobile phones, tablets, laptops and PCs.

#### *Paper copies*

Paper copies of work can be collected from the main school reception each Monday between 10-11am.

### **Timetable**

Please remember that we introduced a new streamlined timetable from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. It is easier to follow this than to try and replicate our normal school timetable. A copy of this timetable can be found here:

[https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/KS3\\_and\\_KS4\\_Timetable.pdf](https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/KS3_and_KS4_Timetable.pdf)

### **School assemblies**

We will be posting our school assembly on YouTube each week. Please subscribe to our school YouTube channel as you will then receive notifications.

### **Contact from Head of Year**

Your child's Head of Year sends a weekly bulletin via email that contains all of the information that your child needs for the week ahead. They include 'shout outs' also of all of the amazing work we have seen from the children over the course of the week.

### **Well-being checks**

Our pastoral leaders have been attempting to make contact with children who have not been completing work at home. As I have mentioned several times before, we understand the pressure in homes to complete work and know that there can be many barriers to completing work at home. However, it is important for us to maintain some form of contact with your child, so we can see whether there is anything we can do to support them further. If we are not able to get in touch with your child via either email or telephone, we may choose to conduct a home visit (observing social distancing) to check that they are well.

**Reminder to Year 10 students**

A 'big good luck' in your upcoming mock exams. We have been really impressed with the amount of you who have either collected paper copies or who have already been completing work online.

If you have collected paper copies of the exams, they must be returned to school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This will allow your teachers to mark them and return feedback.

Please also refer to the 'TV guide' Mr James emailed to all Year 10 students regarding the YouTube videos which are being uploaded for them.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns which are specific to your child – [contact@nusa.org.uk](mailto:contact@nusa.org.uk) or via your child's Head of Year.

Please take care, stay safe and tell your child that we miss them and look forward to seeing them again soon,

Emma Howard  
Head of School