

15th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excitedly looking forward to the end of the term here at NUSA. I just wanted to write with a few updates regarding Covid-19 and the return to school.

Returning to school in the New Year

As I am sure you are aware, the landscape is ever changing for schools, as it is for all other sectors, in relation to Covid-19. At present, the plan for after January is a full return for all pupils on **Tuesday 11th January 2022**. However, should there be any changes to this guidance, I will update you asap over the holidays.

Trips

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to amend the trip plans for Year 11. We understand that this will be really disappointing news for the pupils who were attending. As the trip involves students walking around the centre without members of staff, the change to the Government guidance means that we have to ensure students are wearing masks at all times in shops and shopping centres. We are not able to do this for this trip as it would have to involve staff walking round the shops with the students (and we don't imagine this would be something they would overly enjoy!).

As an alternative, we would like to take the students to Arc Cinema in Beeston to watch the new Spiderman movie.

Students should arrive to school at normal time

They will finish school at 2:30pm.

There will be no additional cost for this trip as school will pay the extra for the inconvenience this has caused our pupils.

We understand that some students may not wish to attend the new trip, therefore can I ask that if this is the case, you email Miss Strawson to inform her that you wish to have a full refund instead.

Y11 – Miss Strawson – lstrawson@nusa.org.uk

Lateral flow testing

From Tuesday 14th December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every

day for 7 days and continue to attend their school or work setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Schools no longer track and trace for Covid cases, therefore, if you have been in contact with a positive Covid case, it is likely that NHS Track and Trace will contact you to inform you of next steps.

Final Day

A reminder that we finish at 12pm on Friday 17th December 2021.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Emma Howard'.

Emma Howard

Head of School