



15<sup>th</sup> 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**

Trips for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and NUSA16 students are still planned to go ahead tomorrow. We have had to make an amendment to the Year 11 trip and a separate letter has been sent to parents/carers of Year 11 pupils.

On all trips, students should wear masks, unless exempt. Staff will pack additional masks for any student who forgets. Covid guidelines are in place at all of the venues we are visiting and we will ensure that these are followed by students and staff at all times.

Please remember that it is non-school uniform for all trips.

Students who receive a free school meal will receive a packed lunch from school.

All other students will need to bring their own food for the trip.

If you have changed your mind about your child attending the trip, given the recent updates from the Government, we will happily provide you with a full refund. If you have made this decision, please contact your child's Head of Year directly and they will organise the refund for you.

Y7 – Mr Fleming – [jfleming@nusa.org.uk](mailto:jfleming@nusa.org.uk)

Y8 – Mr Kirkby – [skirkby@nusa.org.uk](mailto:skirkby@nusa.org.uk)

Y9 – Miss Hemm – [lhemm@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lhemm@nusa.org.uk)

Y10 – Miss Malhi – [gmalhi@nusa.org.uk](mailto:gmalhi@nusa.org.uk)

NUSA16 – Miss Fletcher – [lfletcher@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lfletcher@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**

Another 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,



Emma Howard

Head of School