



6 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Opening arrangements from Monday 9 November 2020 and information for students following latest government guidance for the national lockdown**

I am pleased to inform you that NOA will be open to all students from Monday 9 November 2020 at the usual staggered start and ends to the day for each year group.

- Year 7                   - Start time 8.25 am       - End time 3.05 pm
- Year 8                   - Start time 8.45 am       - End time 3.20 pm
- Year 9                   - Start time 8.45 am       - End time 3.10 pm
- Year 10                 - Start time 8.25 am       - End time 3.05 pm
- Year 11                 - Start time 8.35 am       - End time 3.15 pm
  
- Sixth Form           - Start time 8.15 am for P1 or after 9.00 am – End Time 3.00pm if no P4 or after 3.30pm

As you know, there has been an increase in positive Covid-19 cases both locally and nationally. The government released updated information for schools yesterday. What this means for our students and staff is outlined below:

**From Monday 9 November 2020**

Face masks must be worn by all students and staff in the corridors and communal areas of school. The only exception to this is for those students and staff with medical conditions. Face masks will NOT need to be worn in lessons.

We expect all students to have a face mask and ask that parents ensure these are suitable for school i.e. no slogans or images, plain not patterned, darker colours, etc. We strongly recommend your child has three or four masks to allow time for washing. Whilst we have been able to issue disposable face masks to students who have forgotten their mask this week, we cannot continue to do this indefinitely for financial reasons. Please support us by reminding your child to bring their mask to school every day.

If your child travels to school by public transport, please continue to remind them to wear a face mask on their journey to and from school. This protects them and other transport users.

Senior leaders within school will continue to plan as best they can for each and every eventuality. We will of course continue to update you regularly should further adjustments need to be made.

**However, it is vital that we all follow national lockdown guidance over the next four weeks.** Regardless of whether we agree or disagree with the steps being taken by the government, we must all abide by them.



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As I have shared with you previously, we are living in very difficult times. Everything we are doing in school is to keep your child safe as best we can. To support us in school, please follow local and national guidance. It really will make everyone's lives both easier and safer.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Alison Merrills  
**Principal**

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