



Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College for Girls

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Parent Update 22.01.21

Dear Parents & Carers

We are all blessed to all be here another week and have just completed week 5 of our remote learning timetable. We pass on condolences to those in our Norbury family who have lost loved ones this week. If there is anything we can do please let us know.

The Government have announced that they will give us two weeks notice to reopen to face-to-face teaching however all the meetings I have been in this indicate Easter at the earliest but watch this space.

Please note that the timetable is changing to ensure we meet the changes to the DFE guidance published this week. **The changes will take effect as of Monday 1st February 2021.**

Mass testing updates

The Royal College of Paediatricians and child health state that the majority of children have no symptoms or mild illness only. They say there is no evidence that the new strain of the virus causes more serious illness. Croydon Public Health have confirmed the rates are coming down slowly but from a much higher rate.

By limiting the face-to-face attendance of students to children of critical workers & vulnerable children has helped to support the reduction in the overall number of social contacts in our communities. So the message is if you can keep your daughter at home you should.

The school infection survey covering November 2020 found that the infection rate among teachers was similar to the wider population.

There is reiteration of space-face-hands so face coverings are mandatory in secondary provisions unless you have a medical suspension on top of all the other existing recommendations of bubbles, one way systems, staggered starts etc.

You may have also seen in the news issues raised about mass testing in schools and ensuring PPE equipment is used when required.

Testing routinely for staff and key worker & vulnerable children should continue to take place but has increased to twice a week. Mass testing and the testing of close contacts in bubbles has been suspended at this time. Therefore testing will take place on Monday and Fridays each week.

Remote Learning

In this ever challenging time we are trying to do our best to support students with difficulties with accessing online learning. All laptops that were made available to us have been allocated however



we would like to inform you of a few other developments that may support students during this period of closure.

The government has released information stating the Oak National Academy website can now be used without using up data

Some phone networks are able to increase your data usage for free due to the increase on demand of data usage. Please contact your provider to see if this is available to you

The school has managed to access some BT vouchers that can support internet usage. If this is something you require please contact Ms Collins for further information

The BBC are also providing on online provision to support learning during this time of lockdown which I mentioned last week.

Any student who cannot access our remote learning provision should be attending school, so if this is the case for your daughter, please contact your Head of Year.

Behaviour Policy review

We are reviewing our behavior policy and would like input from all stake holders so if you could give us your views on the attached link below we would appreciate it. Deadline for returns is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1frWkeT4ZBCjLpA9jNzjIZbo7XVolx6t0tJ8pNK7XXqw/edit?usp=sharing>

Norbury Drive Thru

Thank you for everyone who supported distributing resources and books to the various year groups. If we get to a point that the lock down is extended we will aim to do another drive thru next half term.

Parent / Carer Involvement

A polite reminder, that the deadline for votes for the Parent Governor Election is Friday 29th January 2021. The link to the Google form to submit your vote is <https://forms.gle/mRwEfzVq1n1ZzvGF6> and the letter with candidate statements is available on the school website.

In addition if we have any Parents who would be interested in starting a school PTA please let us know as we would be keen to explore ways of bringing the school community together to raise funds albeit virtually for the time being.

Thank you to everyone who voted regarding the proposals for the name change. The votes are all in and I am pleased to announce that from September the school name will change to Norbury High School for Girls.

Best wishes to you and your families



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