

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you once again for your continued support during these ongoing uncertain times.

As we finish our first full week back at school I wanted to share with you some changes that have taken place as we continually monitor, evaluate and review the school plans. Currently national, regional and local guidance remains unchanged. We continue to monitor this closely and will advise you of any amendments as they happen.

We continue to be delighted by the high attendance from students ready to learn in their face to face lessons. All parents, carers and staff are following the correct guidance if they suspect they have symptoms and we are pleased to advise that currently there are no confirmed positive cases from staff or students. If you are unsure what to do if you, or a member of your family has symptoms, the guidance can be found by the following links.

[Coronavirus Government Guidance](#)

[NHS When to self-isolate and what to do](#)

[NHS Track and Trace guidance](#)

The guidance sheet below has been produced to help you if your child or a member of your family displays symptoms of Covid-19. As the national guidance is updated fairly regularly, I would encourage you to refer to the NHS for up to date advice.

It is important for the safety of the whole school community that the guidance is strictly followed. You will need to keep the school fully informed of any tests and results so that we can monitor any potential outbreaks.

What to do if....	Action	Return to school when ...
... my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	....the test result comes back negative.
... my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	After 10 days if they feel better.

... somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate</li> <li>• Household member to get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	The household members test has come back negative.
... somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>• <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... somebody in my household (other than my child) is contacted by NHS test and trace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only the person identified as a 'close contact' by test and trace needs to self-isolate.</li> </ul>	The child should come to school unless they have symptoms themselves or

### Break and Lunchtime

Thank you for sending a healthy snack with your child for their break time. It has been delightful to see our students having appropriate social times under the adapted new times and routines. It is clear that outdoors is the safest environment for our children during their break or lunchtimes thereby can you please remember to ensure your child brings a coat to school.

### Travelling to and from School by car

Traffic remains heavy and we would like to thank all parents who have opted to drop off/pick up their children off a little further way from school to try to relive some of the pressure. We have liaised with our local police force thereby you will have noticed a greater uniformed presence this week. They have agreed to continue with their support as required to aid with increased traffic flow during busy times.

Staff will continue to encourage students to stay safe as they enter and exit the school including reminding them to use the specified pavements. Could you please re-enforce safer walking practices with your child which includes not encouraging them to move between vehicles to get to yourself if you are picking them up. Please use the allocated areas on the car park facilities, in and around the school and local community

I have also received news of some drivers not parking respectfully around the local area presenting issues for residents near to school. As a school we are proud of our community connection and would ask that all of those who are travelling to or from the area consider the needs of those that live in the

locality. Again, we have raised these concerns with our local police officers and have asked them to patrol in the times when students are being brought or taken from school.

### **Face Masks**

Students who are travelling by bus **MUST** still wear a face mask for the full journey. The guidance for face masks in schools in England is currently unchanged and although face masks are not mandatory, we continue to advise staff and children they are able to wear masks if they feel they wish to. If the national guidance changes we will advise as appropriate.

### **Water bottles**

Please remind your children to bring a re-fillable water bottle to school each day. Water fountains remain available throughout the school. These are cleaned regularly as part of the COVID Secure safer practices.

### **3G Pitch**

Finally, I am pleased to let you know that the construction of Neston High Schools' new fantastic 3G pitch was completed last week. Reinstatement of the surrounding grass playing fields, access to the pitch and our changing rooms will be completed early November. Our students will start using the pitch as part of their PE lessons very soon and we will be making the pitch available for community use before Christmas when the associated works are scheduled to be completed.

Please see attached some guidance on approved footwear to be used on the pitch along with some information from our PE department about practical PE this term.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the return of our students to school. We very much appreciate your positive feedback and continue to listen to how we can make further amendments to ensure we provide the best experience for all members of our school and community.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the scheduled sunshine.

Yours sincerely

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