

Dear Parent/ Carer,

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This week, from the 1st of June, guidance has been updated for schools in the UK. You can find the latest information for families here: [Info for Families](#) and information about potential funding opportunities for families of children with SEND here: [Funding for SEND Families](#).

As the lockdown is eased schools are beginning to provide an expanded service and we have been planning to return to 'something like normal' at Nightingale Community Academy for the last 10 days or so. Most of the learners in the Primary School have already returned so we increased staffing capacity a while ago. Once the last few children return we hope to operate a 'business as usual' teaching approach in the Primary School that will include preparation for class transition in September. I cannot stress enough how important routines are for children at this school and as far as is possible, I want to avoid putting boys in the position where they meet their new teacher and their new class for the first time in September.

Across the rest of the school a number of different learners have attended school this week for the first time since the crisis unfolded. Next week we look forward to welcoming back more and as a result we will be increasing the number of staff in the building every day. That means we will have to scale back the online learning offer which will be limited to literacy and numeracy teaching across the age ranges until we get a better idea of which children will still require access. In an ideal world I would love to keep the online offer going in tandem with the expanded face-to-face offer but I simply don't have the staffing capacity if we are to follow the risk assessment and limit the number of people using this building at any one time.

I would encourage all of our families who have not already done so to begin sending their children into school over the next few days and weeks as the lockdown restrictions are further relaxed. The team is here to support you with any issues with regard to transport, uniform, lunches or any problem that may present itself. As Mr Bailey mentioned in the previous letter, our COVID-19 planning is in place to minimise risk. We will work with the children to help them adapt to life back at school and the therapeutic team is standing by to deliver additional help. As mentioned in the previous update we have a plan in place to ensure that hygiene and safety is prioritised.

If you elect to keep your child at home because you or someone in your household is classified as shielding, or vulnerable your child can access the online offer throughout and we will continue to contact you regularly to ensure that this is the case. You may be aware that the latest government guidance predicts wider opening for all secondary pupils on the 15th June. From our perspective we are already open to every learner who would like to attend and have our staff work teams in place.

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We have supported several year 11 learners with additional mock exams this week to improve their grade potential. We will contact individual families where we believe additional work can be completed towards accreditation and if your child is invited to attend school, please make sure they engage with their specialist teacher at the agreed time and place.

With more children attending each day, we have scaled up our food production and will therefore only provide lunch vouchers in cases of emergency. Nerissa our **Chefs in Schools** volunteer continues to provide delicious freshly made meals every day. If you would like access any of the extra food we sometimes have left it can be packaged and sent home with your child. If you need help with emergency groceries/ supplies please speak to a member of the team and we will respond immediately. Additionally, we have free milk vouchers for families which we will send home with learners to be redeemed at your local shop.

Our **learning heroes** last week were:

Key stage 1	
Cherry	Archie
Key stage 2	
Willow	Kah'zae
Oak	Kevin & Leo
Maple	Ryan
Key Stage 3	
Year 7	Jay & Mekhai
Year 8	Bobby, Kiki & Brandon
Year 9	Reece, Freddie, Luke & Zach
Key stage 4	
Year 10	Kyle & Mateiwos
Year 11	Charlie

Well done to all of these boys who have set a fabulous example! I'd also like to congratulate the following boys for **excellent attendance** in school or online:

Key stage 1	
Cherry	Mack, Archie & Sam
Key stage 2	
Willow	Stuart, Harvey & Kah'zae
Oak	Dren, Dorian & Leo
Maple	Ryan
Key Stage 3	
Year 7	Jay & Mekhai
Year 8	Brandon
Year 9	Bobby
Key stage 4	
Year 10	Kyle
Year 11	Charlie

We will continue to provide as much detail as possible in our **communication to parents and carers** but if you have any questions or feel like we have missed something please get in touch and let us know. Email info@nightingaleca.org or call reception. For those of you who are uncertain about transport arrangements, the local authority teams can be reached on the following numbers:

Borough	Contact Number		
Wandsworth	020 8871 7977	Southwark	020 7703 6180
Lambeth	020 7926 6839	Kingston	020 8547 5540
Croydon	020 8686 2215	Hounslow	07476310089
Merton	020 8545 3286	Surrey 1	07563544522
Lewisham	020 3049 1204	Surrey 2	07532816360

On Monday **boys should arrive in full school uniform**. If this presents a problem in any way please contact the school urgently so that we do not challenge children unnecessarily and can make arrangements to support you.

Hopefully this chapter of events is beginning to close and we can tentatively begin to return to a more normal routine for staff, families and the children. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Jimmy Brownell

Assistant Principal