



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope in these ever changing times this message finds you and your family safe and well. It is fair to say that staff at NUAST were taken by surprise on Monday when the Government decided to close most schools for at least six weeks. This has resulted in many meetings, discussions and arrangements being finalised regarding the educational provision NUAST provides in the coming weeks. I thank you for your patience with this. We are in a stronger position having been through the process in March however, we will be still learning and need to adjust arrangements as the weeks progress. Within this message I will try to cover as many areas as possible so I apologise for the length of the email.

Contact

If you would like to discuss any of the areas covered below can I please direct you to your child's Head of Year in the first instance. Please find their email addresses below along with those of Safeguarding and Pastoral Support staff.

Head of Years

Year 7 – Ms Firth – sfirth@nuast.org

Year 8 – Mr Cox – scox@nuast.org

Year 9 – Mr Wood – dwood@nuast.org

Year 10 – Mrs Tilley – ntilley@nuast.org

Year 11 – Mr Tapp – rtapp@nuast.org

Pastoral Support Officers

Ms Davey – cdavey@nuast.org

Mr Barrow – jbarrow@nuast.org

Safeguarding and Welfare Leads

Mrs Brenham – pbrenham@nuast.org

Ms Fountain – sfountain@nuast.org

NUAST main reception – 0115 8592040

NUAST general enquiries email – enquiries@nuast.org

Educational Provision

The majority of students will access their education via Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) and the lessons will be delivered as a normal school day. The school day will start and finish for all students at normal time. If your child has a Geography lesson at 8am it will be delivered live on MS Teams at 8am. The only exceptions to these are;

1 – when staff are scheduled to supervise vulnerable and key worker students in school. Staff will set assignments only on MS Teams during these days

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2 – Practical PE lessons. PE staff will add work to MS Teams. Students are encouraged to complete these as space and equipment allows.

3 – Any students accessing alternative provision. Alternative education providers will contact families with arrangements for individual students.

We have a list of students who are unable to access MS Teams and will provide work packs for these students. These work packs will be sent out on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. If your child does not have IT provision to allow access to MS Teams and is not in receipt of a work pack please contact NUASt as soon as you can so we can look to support your child accessing their education.

IT provision

NUAST is able to support students who have no access to IT provision at home. However, please be aware this provision is limited and must be directed to examination year groups starting with Year 11 or Year 13 and vulnerable students. Please contact NUASt if you would like to discuss IT provision.

Key worker and vulnerable provision

If you believe you are a Key Worker or your child falls into the Vulnerable student category NUASt will provide face to face supervision at NUASt if required. This needs to be booked via the link within the letter sent to parents via Parent Mail on Sunday. A link to this letter can be found below.

https://www.nuast.org.uk/data/letters/files/Letter_to_parents_04012021.docx.pdf

Information for students accessing NUASt as a Key Worker or Vulnerable student

- Students must attend in full school uniform
- Students must attend as their normal school day timings
- Students must bring their own packed lunch. No food provision is available on site
- Students will access live lessons via MS Teams
- Attendance and behaviour expectations remain the same for students attending NUASt. NUASt will escalate sanctions if student behaviour is inappropriate.

FSM

NUAST will send out Free School Meal vouchers to those eligible in the coming days.

Year 11 Examination arrangements

I will send out a separate message to Year 11 parents and students covering the current examination situation. We are expecting a further announcement from the DfE tomorrow (Wednesday 6th January) and will communicate to parents and students following this.

If you have any questions regarding the information please do not hesitate to contact NUASt via the contact details set out in this email.

Kind regards

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