

Our ref: GHO/SK
11 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we move to delivering all lessons online.

The statistics suggest a 130% increase in transmission in Fenland, so please continue to follow the guidance, stay safe.

Examinations

We are still awaiting to here further guidance from the Government regarding external examinations this year. As soon as we know I will communicate this with you. Just to remind you, all vocational examinations for this January series are still going ahead.

Timetable

Just to remind you that we have adjusted the timetable for the next 5 weeks. This is to remove the staggered lunches we had in place and to provide a more simplified lesson time, which I hope is easy to follow. Please see below:

Time	Period
8:50 – 9:00	Tutor
9:00 – 10:00	1
10:00 – 11:00	2
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	3
12:30 – 13:30	4
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	5

Mobile Data

The Government have released details that many of the large mobile companies are providing free 'top-ups' for mobile data. This is something that we will collect on your behalf and send onto providers. The form below asks for details of your mobile provider and number. If this will benefit you, please complete the form below.

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Devices

We have been made aware that you can access Microsoft Teams on other devices. The instructions below show how to connect a Playstation or Xbox.

HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4

PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>

XBOX

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to *Apps*
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.



Key worker booking form

For key/critical worker places for the week beginning 18 January, could we please ask you to complete the form below. Even if your child has been attending, can we ask you to provide us with details of which days provision is needed. We are currently not restricting places, but this will allow us to plan effectively. Thank you.

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Free School Meals

We are in the process of using the voucher scheme again. If you are eligible for free school meals, these will be with you soon.

Local Authority Support

The Local Authority have provided the contacts below if you need support at home or advice.

Fenland District Council area: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus or 0345 045 5219

Online Learning

Most lessons will be live on Microsoft Teams with your child's teacher. Some lessons may not be 'live', for example If the teacher is absent, in these cases we will ensure work is posted on Teams and your child is informed. All students have a licence to download use Microsoft Office suite at home on up to 4 devices.

Students will need their school email address and password.

Students will follow their timetable as if they were in school. We have attached the school day.

Students should log in to register each morning from 8:50. They do not need to stay online for the whole tutor period; just to register and communicate with their tutor.

The only lessons that will **not** continue are core PE. Pupils are encouraged to exercise at home or in the garden if appropriate for their core PE lessons.

Please can you encourage your child to follow their timetable as if they were in school and complete all work set. Most students were given exercise books on the last day of term to support them in this period. Work can be completed on a device or on paper. Staff may ask for work to be photographed and returned.

Go 4 Schools will be used to register students, so please use this facility to check and monitor work being completed by your children.

If your child needs support with accessing Microsoft Teams please email itsupport@neale-wade.org .

It is clear that the Department for Education do expect pupils to engage with home learning provided to prevent further gaps in their learning. The expectation is that students complete up to 4 hours a day. This is not voluntary and your support would be very helpful to keep your child engaged with their learning.

Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Horn', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Horn
Principal