



Year 8 Newsletter

2 February 2021

Dear parents/carers and students of Year 8

Welcome to this week's newsletter!

I want to start this letter by saying how proud I am of each and every one of you and how you have coped with the challenges faced this year. It has been a strange term getting used to delivering online lessons and I'm sure you have found it equally strange seeing your teachers on your home devices. I am especially proud of the resilience you have all shown dealing with the various demands of accessing your lessons. We now believe that all students that required a laptop have received these, but please let us know if this is something that you still need.

Mrs Reed and I have been in school each day during the lockdown. Mrs Reed is busy supporting students and parents with questions and I share my time between delivering lessons and supervising the key worker students that are in school.

As we are limited with what we can do at weekends I have been catching up on all of those jobs around the house that I had been putting off for a 'rainy day'. Not because I necessarily want to, but because I have run out of excuses! I have also been doing lots of walking. It was especially interesting during the recent snow as it made a change from the mud. Mrs Reed walks an average of six miles a day with her dog..... can anyone beat that?

I would love to how you guys have been entertaining yourselves. Have you become the house monopoly champion, or taken up a new hobby? Hopefully you haven't spent all of your time just levelling up on Fortnite?

This week is Children's Mental Health Week, an area of concern that has grown in the current situation. This year's theme is to "Express Yourself", and with this in mind and to support others I would like the year 8s (along with the rest of the school) on Friday 5 February to wear something bright, whether you are at home or at school. More information can be found here including a link to donate if you wish: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

We look forward to seeing you all soon

Take care

Mr Abbey and Mrs Reed

Key contacts

Mr R Abbey – Progress Leader for Year 8 RAbbey@neale-wade.org

Mrs T Reed - Pastoral Assistant TReed@neale-wade.org

Timetable week 1.

Attendance

Year group – 92.6%

8A – 93.81%

8B – 96.41%

8C – 89.83%

8D – 93.54%

8E – 92.97%

8F – 90.36%

8G – 97.64%

8H – 92.9%

8I – 93.42%

8K – 90.12%

Well done
8G - best
attendance
for last
week

Engagement

Well done to everybody

100% of students accessed
lessons this week.

Positive points for last week

1st – Matthew P

2nd – Hope P

3rd – Lewis B

Lesson times

Form: 8.50am – 9.00am

P1 & P2: 9-10am, 10-11am

Break: 11-11.30am

P3 & P4: 11.30-12.30pm, 12.30-1.30pm

Lunch: 1.30-2pm

P5: 2-3pm

Attendance

Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents

| What should I do if? | Action needed ... |
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| <p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 10 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the school immediately about the result of the test.</p> |
| <p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p> | <p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 10 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p> |
| <p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p> | <p>Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p> |
| <p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p> | <p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 10 days.</p> |
| <p>My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)</p> | <p>Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p> |