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General Information for Parents

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to provide a brief update on key events and issues. I would ask all parents to review the document in full to ensure they are aware of all information.

COVID

Following assessment by the government that London is now **COVID risk assessment tier 2** the school has now moved to 'mandatory' wearing of masks for staff and students in communal areas around the building. At present, students will not have to put on masks between lessons within their zones.

I would also like to remind parents/carers that all Public Health England advice must be followed. This includes the 2 week self-isolation of students if anyone in the household is tested positive for COVID. This is not an option and must be followed fully (See government guidance at the end of this letter).

If a member of the household is tested positive for COVID, I would ask you to contact the school office who will inform the Head of Year to allow the management of work.

Remote Learning

The school is ready to immediately switch to an online remote learning curriculum in the event of a your child self-isolating individually or as part of a year group. Your child will receive work and be notified about tasks mainly through the Microsoft Teams application. Your child can access Office 365 and Microsoft Teams by logging on at www.office.com or www.norlington.net and going to quick links.

Your child has been given their Office 365 username. All log in details follow the pattern of the example below:

Student Name: Joe Bloggs

School email address: 19jbloggs@norlington.school

Office 365 login: 19jbloggs@o365.norlington.school

Office 365 Password: (Your child's usual password for logging on to computers at school)

In the event of your child self-isolating it is an expectation that they check Microsoft Teams at least twice daily to keep up with work and be aware of live lessons that will be taking place on the platform.

(Be aware that some departments will be using Google Classroom for remote learning. Your child will be aware of their log in details and departments will contact them directly via the platform regarding the ongoing work they need to complete in the event of self-isolation.

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Canteen

The new canteen facilities, including cashless catering, are working well. Almost all students who use the canteen now have biometric access for payments. I would remind parents and students that there is a daily limit of £6 on spending. I can also confirm that students eligible for Free School Meals will also need a get a Biometric finger print or pin arranged. Letters are available from the school office

I would remind parents that all payments for the canteen must now be paid through **ParentPay**. No notes or coins are accepted. Please check your child's ParentPay account to ensure appropriate funds are deposited.

County Ground

We have been very fortunate to have access to the Leyton County Ground over the past ½ term. This will continue until Christmas. We shall be making a small change to the year groups attending the County Ground from the 9th November.

Day	Year Group to Attend
Monday	Year 7
Tuesday	Year 9
Wednesday	Year 8
Thursday	Year 7
Friday	Year 8

Students should arrive at 8:45am and will be dismissed at 3:15 with the exception of Fridays where they will be dismissed at 1:30 pm

All students will receive an updated timetable outlining these changes.

First day back after the ½ term break

Students will be expected to arrive to school 1 hour later than usual on the first day back after the ½ term break. This will allow staff to action any last minute changes required due to COVID or related to the building work.

Year Group	Time	Where
Year 7	9:45	County Ground
Year 8	9:30	School
Year 9	9:30	School
Year 10	9:45	School
Year 11	9:45	School
Year 12	9:45	School
Year 13	9:45	School

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Year 11 and Year 13 Mock exams

As previously stated, year 11 and year 13 mock exams will take place from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November. All other students will remain on their 2 week 1/2 term break as usual. These exams are vital for all students and they will be expected to attend for every timetabled exam. All students are expected to attend in **FULL** uniform.

All Year 11 and Year 13 students will have already received a full set of instructions, including the exam timetable. We ask that all students adhere to these instructions.

Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and A-Level exams

The government has just announced a change to the final GCSE and A-level exam season. The confirmed dates for the exams are now June 7th to 2nd July with one of the English and Maths GCSE exam papers taking place prior to the May ½ term break. Students must be available for the entire exam season run.

We shall be reviewing these changes and updating the year 11 & year 13 plans accordingly. I would stress that while this extra **3 weeks** is good news for all students, we must continue to work hard to catch up on the missed **3 months** of school prior to the summer.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr J Hernandez
Principal

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Taken from official government guidance.

This guidance is for:

- *people with symptoms that may be caused by COVID-19 including those who are waiting for a test*
- *people who have received a positive COVID-19 test result (whether or not they have symptoms)*
- *people who currently live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has received a positive test result*

In this guidance a household means:

- *one person living alone*
- *a group of people (who may or may not be related) living at the same address and who share cooking facilities, bathrooms or toilets and/or living areas*
- *a support bubble*

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive test result

Stay at home and begin to self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms start. Arrange to have a test for COVID-19 if you have not already had one. The result of the test will determine how long you must stay at home and self-isolate.

- *Stay at home while you are waiting for a home test kit or a test site appointment.*
- *A positive test result means you must complete a 10-day isolation period.*
- *If your test is negative, you can stop self-isolating as long as you are well.*

If you do not have symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms after your test, restart your 10-day isolation period from the day the symptoms start.

Stay as far away from other members of your household as possible, especially if they are clinically extremely vulnerable. Avoid using shared spaces such as kitchens and other living areas while others are present and take your meals back to your room to eat.

You could be fined if you do not stay at home and self-isolate following a positive test result for COVID-19 and you are notified by NHS Test and Trace that you need to self-isolate.

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