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Dear Parent/Carer,

Returning to full time face to face education from the week beginning 8th March 2021 is vital for children's well-being and progress and we are both delighted that all students are to return. Please read the information below carefully which informs you and your child of any changes that will be in place in March to ensure a safe return to school/college.

Online learning will be suspended on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March 2021 to allow pupils and staff to prepare for the return. During this time we recommend students organise their completed work, complete any outstanding work and reflect on areas they will need to focus on from this period of remote learning.

HOW SCHOOL AND LEARNING WILL BE ORGANISED

What is the same:

- Students will remain in Year group 'bubbles' for curriculum time, social times and buses. All buses will operate as normal from Monday 8th March.
- The full curriculum will be followed as usual within school/college. This ensures every student has their full entitlement to learning by subject specialists. Some practical lessons will be modified according to government guidelines.
- Students should go straight to their Year group area upon arrival at school until lessons begin. The one-way system remains in place.
- Students will leave site in the same staggered manner. Year 11 will remain until 3.30pm, as will all those who get the bus (still in Year group 'bubbles'). However, for those who walk or get picked up Year 7 will leave at 3.15pm; Years 8 and 9 at 3.20pm and Year 10 at 3.25pm. Year 12 and 13 continue to follow their normal timetables.
- Year groups will remain zoned within the school at break and lunch.
 - Year 7 Hall and outside eating area
 - Year 8 Girls PE area and Main tennis courts
 - Year 9 Lower tennis courts and Boys PE area
 - Year 10 Area outside English
 - Year 11 KS4 area outside Maths
- Lunch will remain at 30 minutes. Students should continue to bring a packed lunch wherever possible. Those entitled to Free School Meals will have their packed lunch provided for them. The



canteen will be operating under a limited capacity again with a view to opening up fully in the near future. Pre ordering at break time in your year group area will be in place.

What is new:

- Lesson timings will revert back to our Autumn term face to face timing, so some lessons will be extended but no lessons will be adversely affected due to a shortened lunch and staggered leave. PART remains suspended.
- All students (unless exempt) must wear face masks indoors and during movement around the site. **This includes lesson times.** Please make sure your child has a facemask on their return. Where a 2m+ distance can be maintained outside at break or lunch facemasks will not be compulsory.
- Uniform continues to be compulsory, however we will allow the **option** of the early wearing of the blue Northgate branded polo shirt instead of shirt and tie on our return. A blazer **must** still be worn. Please ensure our uniform policy is followed and no trainers/jeans/hoodies are worn as these will have to be confiscated as per school policy.

BEHAVIOUR AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

What is the same:

- Heads of Year 7-13 will retain responsibility for the welfare, attendance and progress of each student. In addition to support from Mrs Culley (SLO), Mr Darlow (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Beasley (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO).
- Our Attitudes to Learning policy and Home/School agreement remain in place with expectations about keeping each other safe. It is vital this is adhered to and that parents support this in order to keep everyone safe. Please be aware there will be a 'zero tolerance' approach to any student who endangers the safety of others by failing to follow the Home/School agreement and Attitudes to Learning policy.
- Students will be expected to follow the one way system when moving around the site to prevent the mixing of bubbles. They should do so in the same calm and mature manner that they showed before lockdown.

What is new:

- Masks are now compulsory in all indoor spaces including classrooms and where a 2m+ distance cannot be maintained. It is vital that these precautions are adhered to.

PREVENTION AND HYGIENE

What is the same:

- The Year group bubbles continue to minimise contact across the school. Between lessons all desks will be sprayed with anti-bacterial liquid and wiped down. Staff will continue to social distance and

wear face masks in accordance with Government guidelines. Pupils will need to be equipped with pens, calculators etc as these will not be loaned due to cross contamination risks.

- Pupils should carry a small container of hand sanitiser with them at all times, to be used at the start of each new lesson. In addition, hand sanitiser stations will be in each Year group 'zone' of the school and will be available at social times.

- Toilets will be regularly monitored, cleaned and restocked with soap. No more than 4 pupils may be in the toilet block at any time.

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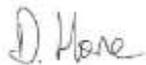
- Masks should be worn in all indoor spaces and where 2m+ distances cannot be maintained. Simply not having a mask is unacceptable and will only have a negative effect on learning. Where exemptions apply, please provide the school with evidence if you have not already done so.

- Voluntary Lateral Flow testing procedure. We reiterate that this is not compulsory and we are following clear DfE guidance on this. Please see previous communication regarding the proposed testing dates.

As has been the case since September, parental visits to site remain restricted and where possible email, phone or virtual meetings will be the preferred method of communication.

If you have any further questions regarding your child's return to school please contact the office via email - office@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk and someone will respond to your query as soon as possible.

Kind regards,



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