



Nether Stowe School

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Parental Update: Easter 2021

Dear parent or carer,

It has been an exceedingly busy half-term and, before we reach the Easter break, I wanted to write to you to provide some essential updates and information.

Importantly, I also want to thank you for the excellent support you have provided to the school over recent weeks. I have been incredibly proud of students on their return. It has been great to have pupils back in lessons, learning in the most effective and supportive environment. School is vibrant and energetic; our pupils and staff have absolutely excelled themselves.

I hope you have also seen the information regarding the Nether Stowe foodbank. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of the school community, local businesses and the willingness to help those in need who have been affected by the pandemic. We take our role as a community school seriously and we are incredibly proud to be able to offer this support.

Key Dates

School will close, at the normal time, for the Easter break on **Thursday 1st April** and reopen on **Monday 19th April**.

The school will also be closed to all pupils on **Friday 30th April** for staff development and **Monday 3rd May** for the bank holiday

Covid Testing at Home

Pupils will be provided with sufficient home tests to cover the Easter period. Thank you for completing the brief online form to record results. Tests should preferably be taken on Sundays and before school on Wednesdays and it is very important a test is taken on Sunday 18th April, before the return to school.

Further information, support and all of the essential links are available on the school homepage: [click here](#).

Uniform

The overwhelming majority of pupils wear their uniform incredibly well around school and represent Nether Stowe superbly in the local community Your ongoing support is always appreciated. Whilst we have agreed some temporary, personalised, adjustments following the return from lockdown, these will not be in place after Easter. You can help us maintain our high standards by specifically making sure:

- Your child has appropriate footwear for school
- Only Nether Stowe PE hoodies are worn with the PE uniform
- Unless exempt, your child has a face covering for use in school
- Make-up, hair and jewellery are in accordance with the school policy.

If you need any support sourcing appropriate uniform or other uniform issues, please contact your child's Head of College or Pastoral Head.

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New Nether Stowe

Last week, we were excited to take occupancy of the new extension at the front of school. The extension houses a new reception and administration area on the ground floor, with fantastic new classrooms and state of the art Science rooms above. Whilst there is some minor external work remaining, it is a wonderful addition to our flourishing school.

Work is progressing well on the new Sports Hall and refurbishment the current PE changing facilities is planned for the summer.

Work has also already started to transform the old reception and administration area, which will become a resource centre for all students and a superb study base for our growing Sixth Form. I will also be able to provide you further information about exciting improvements to our catering and dining facilities after Easter.

It has been thrilling to see the transformation of the school. So much has changed and we look forward to being able to welcome you back on to site so that you can see the changes at first-hand. It's an exciting time to be part of the Nether Stowe community.

Follow-us on social media for updates and images. See [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest pictures.

Year 11 and Year 13 Assessments

The additional assessment windows for Year 11 and Year 13 will commence after the Easter break. As you will have read from my previous letters, these assessments will not, alone, decide the teacher assessed grade but will provide valuable further assessment information.

Subjects and qualifications will use all available standardised and moderated assessment information from the start of the course to inform and identify the standard the student is currently working at.

We will also provide students in Year 11 and Year 13 with an overview of the standard they are currently working at - in each subject - week beginning 19th April.

Year 11 and Year 13 'leaving' Date

I can confirm that the last day of compulsory attendance for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils will be **Friday 28th May**.

For our many Year 11 pupils who will be joining our Sixth Form, we will be providing further information regarding a timetable of bridging and transitions lessons in all Sixth Form subjects, which will start after May half-term.

Insight

In school we have moved to a new information management system: Bromcom. Insight, our current system for notifying and informing parents, therefore, will cease to operate from **Wednesday 31st March**.

Bromcom has an excellent parent app and we will be providing information on how to access and use the app after the Easter break. Please note that, should we need to contact you over the Easter period, it will be via the email address we currently hold on file. If you have changed your email address and not informed us, please do so by contacting reception at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your outstanding support for the school and enjoy the Easter break.

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