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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to NSG and I cannot emphasise enough how impressed we have been with how quickly they have adapted to the new expectations, one-way systems and routines, and how disciplined they have been at break times and lunchtimes about remaining in their assigned year group areas – they have been truly exceptional.

You will not be surprised to learn that we are checking and reviewing our health and safety process on a daily basis and making adjustments to our systems accordingly. Whilst we are delighted to have our students back with us, we are highly vigilant of the ongoing threat of the pandemic. To ensure that our health and safety systems are as effective possible and help to protect each one of us, we need the cooperation of everyone in our school community. Further to the information that we have shared with you previously about the procedures in place at NSG regarding the requirement to use hand sanitiser upon entering and leaving every lesson, using face coverings in communal areas and corridors, as well as maintaining social distance, we ask for your support in also reinforcing these messages with your children at home. How our students behave outside of school hours will also have an impact on the school's ability to keep free of the virus and therefore stay open for everyone. Therefore, we also ask that you support us by emphasising the need to follow the government's social-distancing guidance outside of school time too.

### Remote Education at NSG

You may already be aware that several other local Northamptonshire schools have had confirmed cases of Covid-19 among students. The advice they have received from Northampton Health Protection Team has resulted in either class groups being sent home to self-isolate, or in some instances, whole year groups.

Our aim at NSG is to have everyone studying in school full time. However, I want to reassure you that we are also prepared for scenarios where this may need to change swiftly should we need to. Following the success of the first phase of our remote delivery when we went into lockdown earlier this year, we are confident that we can continue to deliver our curriculum successfully through 'Google Classroom' if we are required to do so and would revert to this in the event of students needing to work at home. Should this occur, senior leaders will communicate the expectations for remote learning to both students and their parents/carers directly. The majority of our students are already very familiar with this system. We understand that students that are new to our school will need additional guidance and we will be providing this to them.

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## Extra-curricular activities

I am delighted to confirm that from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we are able to reinstate the school late bus service. This will enable our extracurricular activities and after school clubs to resume in the near future. Initially, we will be running Homework Club for Years 7-11 from 3:40pm to 4:45pm each day. At the end of the session, students will be escorted to the buses by the Homework Club staff at 4:50pm. Buses will depart promptly at 5:00pm.

All students will have access to a quiet working space and computers supervised by the homework club staff. These will be organised in year group 'bubbles'. These are as follows:

- Years 7 and 10 will be based on the ground floor of Oak. (Separate allocated zones)
- Years 8 and 9 will be based on the ground floor of Elm. (Separate allocated zones)
- Year 11 students will be based on the ground floor of the Design Centre.

It is vitally important that we know which students remain on site after 3.30pm. Therefore, all students will be required to ensure they are registered on arrival at homework club.

Over the coming weeks we will be seeking to increase our extra-curricular provision, being mindful at every stage of the changes to the local rates of infection of Covid-19. I will write to you again next week with further details of this and the additional infection control measures that we will be implementing as part of this.

## Travel to and from school

As fewer students are using the dedicated bus service at present, we ask that where possible students walk or cycle to school. Do remember that if students of different year groups (unless in the same household) are travelling together by car, they should wear their masks to minimise the risk of infection. If students are travelling by car, we also ask that they are dropped off in one of the nearby car parks, not on the road outside school. This will help to avoid traffic accidents and increased congestion.

Yours sincerely



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