

29th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all keeping well. An exciting week for us this week at NUSA as we are welcoming back more children.

I have included a few updates below.

End of term

We will finish setting work on TEAMS for all students on Friday 17th July. We will be open on Monday 20th July for Keyworker and vulnerable children only. We will not be open from Tuesday 21st July and over the summer holidays for any form of school provision. I will write to you regarding a return date in September as soon as I have more information from the Department for Education.

Free School Meals vouchers during the Summer holidays

The Government have committed to continuing with Free School Meal vouchers during the summer holidays. Each eligible child can receive a £90 eCode to cover the summer holiday period. We must order the eCode for parents by Friday 3rd July. We will not be able to order any eCodes after this date. The eCode will be sent to you via email so it is essential that you provide us with an accurate email address. Any incorrect email addresses will result in you not receiving the voucher.

If you have already signed up for Free School Meal vouchers during the period of lockdown, you will NOT need to apply again and will automatically receive the eCode.

If you have NOT already signed up for Free School Meal vouchers during the period of lockdown, you must complete the survey link below by Friday 3rd July. Any late submissions will not be able to be paid.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuJ3I5BxLxw5A_jCKkTPyHePBUNVIMVE5PTThCTUEzTUFOTORNNjRNTzRMUS4u

'Live Q and A' sessions

Following the success of the recent 'live Q and A' sessions with each year group, we will be holding three more events before the end of term. This will be an opportunity for your child to log on to the Teams chat and ask me any questions they may have about returning to school. They do not need to stay online for the whole time and are free to leave the chat once their question has been answer.

All they need to do is click 'accept' on the calendar invite that will be sent to their email address and then 'join' the meeting on the day. If all students can mute their microphones, it will avoid feedback and they will be able to ask questions in the 'chat' function.

Times/days are as follows for the 'live' events:

Wednesday 1st July at 13:00 – 13:45

Monday 6th July at 11:00 – 11:45

Tuesday 14th July at 13:00 – 13:45

MCAS

This is a reminder to all parents and carers to sign up to MCAS if not already done so. Below is a link to the joining instructions:

https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/MCAS_Sign_Up_2.pdf

MCAS allows parents and carers to update their personal contact details online ensuring we have the correct contact details. Please can all parents and carers check their contact details on MCAS and ensure this information is up to date.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please contact myself or your child's head of year.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Howard
Head of School