



WC: 03/10/22

Dear Parents/Carers,

At NUSA this week:

The Year 11 drama group were incredible in their performance of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'. They put on such a thought provoking and emotional performance and we were all so incredibly proud of them. It was lovely to see so many family members and friends watching the performance also.

We have begun our celebrations for 'Black History Month' this week with assemblies led by Mr Henry, a change to our class bell and activities in form time. We are really looking forward to continuing our work on this over the next two weeks.

Coming up at NUSA:

Monday (10th October) marks World Mental Health Day 2022. We are hosting an 'Accessories in yellow/bright colours' day with a number of do now activities to encourage pupils to talk about mental health and look at some strategies for self-care for mental health. Pupils are able to come in to school on the day wearing an accessory which is brightly coloured (preferably yellow) in recognition of this day.

We break up for October half term on **Friday 21st October 2022 at 3pm**. We will return to school on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

Attendance:

Attendance across the country has understandably seen a dip over the past three years, due to the global pandemic. We really want to improve our attendance at NUSA as we know there is a clear link between achievement and attendance. If a child has 19 days off school in an academic year, they are considered to be persistently absent and as such, will require intervention from the Educational Welfare Officer. I will be sending out further information in next weeks letter on our steps to ensure that we help support you with your child's attendance.

Free School Meals:

Nottingham City are sending to us one single voucher of £15 for each student, that are currently eligible for free school meals.

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for the Summer, you will receive another voucher for Huggg, to cover the half term break and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax. Completing the form again where you have received vouchers over summer, will cause a delay in receiving vouchers, as it impacts the vouchers being processed. So please refrain from doing this.

For those that are eligible, that did not receive vouchers or that have questions, please read the below.

Q&A

I received vouchers for Summer 2022 from NUSA – should I still complete the form?

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for May Half Term, you will automatically receive them for Summer 22. Reapplying **will** cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them for May half term, you will be included automatically for Summer 2022. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that was not with us last term (that has joined year 7 for example). In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA over Summer, how do I receive them for October Half Term 2022?

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?

Tuesday 18th October 2022

What is the value of the vouchers?

£15 per week, per eligible child.

I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

When will I receive the vouchers?

Vouchers will be issued before 3pm on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

Safeguarding corner:

I am sure you are all far more 'tech savvy' and have a better understanding of social media than I do, but I thought this interactive playbook from internetmatters.org about TikTok might be useful for some parents/carers. It contains all the information and advice you need to recognise the potential safeguarding issues, understand the latest privacy and security features and support students to use the platform safely.

To access the TikTok Playbook, click [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend,
Emma Howard