



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well in these strange times. I would like to take this opportunity to touch base with you and offer a school update.

As we all aware, these are unprecedented times and guidance for schools continues to develop. The most important thing for Nancealverne School is that we keep the pupils and the staff safe. Based on Government guidance the factors that have been considered in School risk assessments and planning are set out below:

- Controlling the transmission of the virus.
- Promoting thorough personal hygiene.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene: promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes.
- Minimising contact through applying social distancing- keeping numbers low
- The availability of staff and school support services: catering, cleaning and transport.

As you will be aware from the media, the focus at the moment is on primary schools - and Year 10s - but for special schools we are being encouraged to take a more needs lead approach. Nancealverne School will continue to work with families to offer school support and provision when this is needed. Please do get in touch if you require any additional support at this time.

I would like to be clear that pupils who have been advised to shield should continue to do so. Those pupils considered vulnerable but wish to access school, should seek medical advice and confirm that the pupil is able to return to school. Nancealverne School will continue to provide remote support and online resources to pupils who are not attending school.

It is also very difficult to anticipate where we will be in September and what the guidance will be for schools. We are currently planning for a wider school opening in September and we do hope to return to some normality- however, this will be subject to the government guidance at the time. I am sorry that I can't be clearer at this stage, but I will keep you updated as soon as I am able to confirm plans.

I appreciate that your class teachers are in touch with you on a regular basis but, please do get in touch if you would like any further information or support or there are any others



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ways we can help during these times; I can be contacted at the school on most days. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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