



# Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form



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Dear Parents/Carers of Students in Years 7 – 10

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. The messages many of you have sent to us really make a difference and boost our morale. It is interesting to see so many students now asking, 'when can I come back to school?'

We know the Prime Minister's recent announcement, stating that schools will not open until at least Monday 8 March, is not what we hoped for. We want to see the students back in school, as we realise learning from home can never replicate being in school with staff and friends.

During the next few weeks, it will be important for all of us to work together to support not only the students' education but their emotional, social and physical wellbeing. The regular welfare checks, attendance at lessons, assemblies and tutor times, and participation in the wellbeing tasks, challenges and competitions in the weekly Notley@Home, will all contribute to a sense of 'normality'.

We are always trying to improve the remote lessons and the engagement of students. Please encourage your child to be brave and use their microphone when asked and not just communicate via chat. Hopefully this will make the lessons more productive. We are pleased with the high levels of lesson attendance but there are still some students who could be better. If your child has failed to attend their online lessons, you will be contacted. This is necessary as it is part of our risk assessment process to safeguard students. If your child is unwell then please contact the school in the usual way.

Punctuality is also important. Unfortunately, some students are attending but joining late. This causes significant disruption to the lessons and interrupts the learning. Please talk to your child and ensure they log in at the start of the lesson.

Safeguarding continues to be a high priority. As a school, we are required to retain our statutory duties to safeguard students and we have adapted our processes. As you are aware, we endeavour to remain in contact with all students through lessons and tutor times. As detailed in the Child Protection Policy, if we are unable to make contact then parents/carers will be contacted by email or telephone. Please ensure you respond as quickly as possible. You can view the policy through the school website.

Finally, as announced this week, all schools will be closed over the February half-term, so there will be no provision to supervise key workers' children

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If you have any issues with remote lessons, please contact the class teacher. If you are having technical problems accessing remote learning, please email [ITsupport@notleyhigh.com](mailto:ITsupport@notleyhigh.com). For any other urgent issues, please send your concerns to [enquiries@notleyhigh.com](mailto:enquiries@notleyhigh.com). We will contact you as soon as possible.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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