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# NEWS

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## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

One of the things that staff did so well to maintain our sense of team during the national lockdown was to share the incredible work of the students they were working with online. I have been delighted in recent weeks to find that Ms Adams is continuing to share work that she is proud of with all staff in school. These beautiful Frank Stella inspired exotic creatures have been a great start to my day on several occasions. I hope that you enjoy seeing them too. Well done to our talented year 10 and Year 11 artists.

Last Friday our Finish with a Flourish programme got underway and this was another opportunity for our students to explore their creativity, try new activities and develop existing skills. I hope that your child enjoyed the activity they have selected for this term. I am looking forward to finding out more about what each activity involves across the next few sessions. From baking to bushcraft; from Christmas crafts to cross country, we hope we have found something for everyone.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Classcharts

We are now able to send messages via 'announcements' on ClassCharts for students and / or parents. Watch out for these on your Classcharts account.

Some of you may have noticed a new Classcharts 'button' in action. 'Note for Improvement' does not carry any positive or negative points. We are trialling the use of this button so that we can let students and parents know about something that students may need to work on to avoid negatives in future. We are also using it when students may have missed some social time for a restorative conversation about poor choices. This serves as a record of the conversation and a reminder to the student of the different choices they might make in future. We would be grateful for your support with discussing 'Notes for Improvement' at home if your child receives any.

## Remote Learning and Microsoft Teams

Mrs Witherwick recently wrote to all parents to give an update about our approach to remote learning should it be required in the event of individuals or groups self-isolating. Your child will continue to be set all standard homework via Classcharts. All remote learning will be set via MS Teams. All students have been reminded of their school email address and have been shown how to access Teams. Each student has now been set at least one assignment by one of their class teachers or their form tutor. They will find a homework task on Classcharts which directs them to find an assignment in Teams and submit it via Teams. It is important that we know that students are able to access work in this way or can provide further support if required.

### Reminders

1. As students spend the majority of their break and lunchtime outside, it is really important that they bring a coat to school.
2. All students, except those who are exempt for medical / SEN reasons, are required to have a clean face mask with them each day to wear on school transport and at key times during the day. Ideally this should be a reusable mask which can be washed each day, as disposable masks are for single use and students would require several of these each day.

## Mobile Phones

As a school we have been reflecting on the best approach to mobile phones for students during school time. We are mindful that for many students this has been their primary source of access to education, entertainment and socialising during the lockdown period. We are also conscious that the restrictions we currently have in place as part of our risk assessment, with zoned indoor and outdoor spaces, no clubs and year group bubbles is limiting what students are able to do during their social time. With this in mind, we are currently trialling the use of mobile phones outside or in designated rooms if it is wet break and lunch. Students are permitted to use their phones for age appropriate games and to listen to music. They are expected to abide by the acceptable ICT use policy in respect of what they try to access online and are not permitted to take photos or videos. The rules relating to use of mobile phones in lessons and in other areas of the school during lesson time remain unaffected.

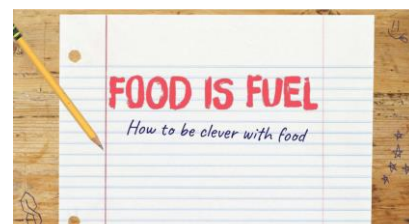
Staff and student feedback will be taken at the end of the trial period and parents are invited to share their views too.

Please contact [admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) by Friday 23.10.2020 if you wish to make any comments.



The menu for next week is on the school website. [Click here.](#)

[To see an useful article click here 'Food is Fuel'](#)



### Extra Curricular PE timetable

The extra-curricular PE timetable has been uploaded to the website. [Click here](#) to see after school PE activities. Students please note the following rules:

- 1) You can only attend extra-curricular and participate with other students in your year group due to COVID19 restrictions.
- 2) You cannot wear PE kit for school if you are attending an extra-curricular club. Make sure you bring your kit to school. Due to fewer numbers using the changing rooms, you can change into appropriate kit.
- 3) When you finish P5, please exit school through your year group exit, then return to school for extra-curricular clubs via the green gate (in between the leisure centre and our school).

HM Government

**We must keep on protecting each other.**



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