

Covid Overview Information – February 2021

The following gives an overview of our current Covid remote learning provision. This page will be updated when students are allowed to return to school.

Remote Learning package – Lessons

- Students are expected to be online during the school day and as per the timetable shown below.
- All classwork follows the normal school curriculum as far as possible and is posted on Google classroom.
- It is recognised that an appropriate blend of live learning with other support/packages works most effectively. With this in mind teachers will offer at least one video lesson opportunity per week (live or pre-recorded) and be online to answer questions at all other normal lesson times.
- A wide range of other software packages and websites are used, however lesson tasks will always be posted on Google Classroom.
- Teachers are not able to answer questions/give feedback outside scheduled lesson times as they may be with another class or preparing for future classes.
- If students are unsure how to progress they should check the Google Classroom posts, or message through Google Classroom. If for any reason this does not work (in lesson time) parents can email homelearning@nsfg.org.uk and we will respond.
- Further details are shown in the remote learning procedures document shown below.

Remote Learning Package – Whole person development

- During remote learning we are operating base times on Monday to Thursday at the times shown below. Monday is a base time 'google meets' and all students are expected to attend
- Students are awarded achievement points for those who engage particularly well and these will appear on the parents School Gateway app. Those who engage the most are awarded remote learning prizes and celebrated on social media. In addition social media is used to share excellent work and further 'Dream Big prizes.
- Where a teacher identifies that a student has not engaged with remote learning they will issue a non-engagement point which will also show through school gateway. This is not intended as a punishment, rather as a method of ensuring parents are aware of incomplete work and allow us to evaluate where further support may be required.
- We are continuing with our Dream Big days – albeit online and will issue details in letters to parents.
- A wide range of online competitions and challenges continue to take place, these are shared through the base group google classrooms and social media.

Remote Learning – Pastoral Support

- The Monday morning base time google meets is used as a key pastoral contact with the base leader
- In addition to the above and as far as absolutely possible we seek to make a pastoral support contact with every student each week. These will be conducted by ESL, the inclusion team and some wider administration staff. Where phone contact is ineffective email contact may be used.

- A wellbeing email (wellbeing@nsfg.org.uk) is available for parents to use where they have concerns over their child and would like to talk to a member of the pastoral team.

Remote Learning – Technical support and IT access

- We have worked hard to ensure that all students have access to a laptop through the e-learning scheme.
- If there are any technical issues parents can email esupport@nsfg.org.uk and we will respond
- Where any student is using their own phone for mobile data they may be entitled to a data upgrade – please use this link to request <https://forms.gle/pXyHfkgrUUS9uqSg9> .
- We are aware of a very few students with no-internet connection and are supplying paper packs – if you require this please make contact with the main office on 01474 831 020 and we will respond

Key worker and vulnerable provision

- We are operating a key worker and vulnerable student provision within year group bubbles.
- If you qualify and would like to request a place please email info@nsfg.org.uk and then complete this form <https://forms.gle/gXCxHWv4FeFStukD9> .
- School will make contact with those considered to be within the vulnerable category and encourage attendance as required
- Students within the keyworker provision are encouraged to take part in the weekly Covid testing as below.

In-school Covid LFD testing

- We are operating an in-school Covid testing station using the LFD method
- Staff in school are tested twice a week using this method
- Plans are in place to rapidly scale up this provision to test all students/staff upon full school re-opening.
- All testing is recorded via the NHS Test and Trace system
- The Testing Centre risk assessment is shown below

Free School Meals vouchers

- FSM students will receive vouchers via the Eden-Red system
- We have contacted all qualifying families, however if there are any issues please email info@nsfg.org.uk

Communication

- Regular updates are sent to parents via emailed letters, with copies shown in the letter bank section of this website.
- Further messages are sent via the school gateway app.
- Substantial further information and celebrating achievements take place via our Facebook, Instagram and twitter account.

Attached documents

- Remote Learning procedures
- Testing Centre risk assessment

- Whole School (full opening) risk assessment
- Remote Learning school day timetable