



NOTTINGHAM
FREE SCHOOL

Tuesday 17 November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians of students in Years 8 and 10,

I am writing with regards to the remainder of this school week, in response to an increase in the number of Nottingham Free School staff that have been instructed to self-isolate. Unfortunately, I am going to have to ask that **students in Years 8 and 10 work at home for the remainder of this week**. Their first day back in school will therefore be Monday 23rd November.

Accessing school work for the rest of this week

All work will be set via Teams for each of your child's lessons. The work will be set during the time when your child would normally have their lesson. For example, if your child normally has history at 9:35 a.m. on a Wednesday, then they would have history work to complete during that time.

Your child can access instructions on how to use Teams via the link below:

https://www.novaeducationtrust.net/files/remote/NET_Logging-into-Teams_GUIDE.pdf

If you do not have access to an electronic device, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

During the last lockdown I was classed as key worker. Can my child still come to school?

Where it is at all possible, we would ask that all students in Years 8 and 10 work at home for the remainder of this week. However, if there are reasons why you would rather they came into school, please contact school reception in the morning, and ask them to report to school reception at 9:30 a.m. We will provide a workspace where they can access their school work via Teams.

Does my child need to self-isolate?

This partial closure is not the result of staff testing positive for COVID-19 having been in our building. There is therefore no need for them to self-isolate beyond the rules of the national lockdown, unless you have received an additional letter to indicate that your child does need to self-isolate.

When will the school be open again to all students?

We will be in contact with you before the end of the week to confirm the arrangements for next week, but hope to be open as normal from Monday 23 November for all students. This is an incredibly difficult position for all concerned, and I can only offer you my deepest thanks for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

Mark Watts
Head of School