



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

Executive Headteacher and CEO of NEMAT: Rob James



30 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the publication of the Ofsted report last week, we would like to update you with further information about the actions being implemented to improve the issues raised.

During the 'lockdown' period we have developed an extensive Statement of Action to improve the provision in several areas: not all of which were identified in the Ofsted report. We had updated you on several changes before the 'lockdown' period, including the introduction of a year-based system by removal of the vertical tutor groups and reinforcing our behaviour expectations.

During the past several months, in addition to planning and providing for students either via remote learning or onsite supervision, detailed plans have been implemented to improve several areas of school provision. In the next few weeks and months, further details will be communicated to you and the students about the planned changes.

There will be a significant number of changes introduced immediately linked to promoting our ethos and culture, highlighting and recognising success, behaviour expectations, target setting and reporting progress. Also based on parental feedback, we will be reintroducing teacher-parent consultations, setting clear subject-specific targets for each student and reporting student progress termly.

Throughout the lockdown period, we have attempted to keep you informed with as much information as possible. The current situation has been challenging for everyone and we appreciate your support encouraging the students to engage with the work we have set. As we move into a new phase of the school reopening and development of online learning for all year groups before returning in September, we hope our approach has provided an insight to our intentions moving forward. We want to fully engage with parents/carers and students, listen to feedback and provide a positive learning experience for our young people.

As large gatherings for face-to-face meetings are still not permitted at this time, we have arranged 'virtual presentations' to explain each of the areas in more detail which will include the opportunity for you to submit questions via live chat.

The presentations will be on the following dates via Microsoft Teams:

- Monday 6 July 2020 – 6pm – 7.30pm
 - To attend this meeting click [here](#) at the time of the presentation
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- Wednesday 8 July 2020 – 6pm – 7.30pm
 - To attend this meeting click [here](#) at the time of the presentation

In order that we can attempt to cover as many questions as possible during the presentation, we would be grateful if you could email any questions that you have to ofstedquestions@Notleyhigh.com. Following the presentation, we will produce a Frequently Asked Questions document, which will include answers to questions we may not have had time to cover in the meeting.

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When the social distancing restrictions are eased, we will arrange a series of face-to-face meetings to discuss specific issues and provide more detail for specific aspects of the Statement of Action with you personally.

The primary aim of the Trustees, Governors, Senior Leadership Team and all staff is to provide the best possible educational experience for your children. We ask you to support us by embodying the school motto of “working together, achieving together”, as we strive to achieve our aim of being an “outstanding school in the heart of the community.”

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully

Mr R James
CEO/Executive Headteacher

Dr C Cusick
Head of School

Mr D Gask
Chair of NEMAT

Mr T Parrott
Chair of Local Governing Body

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