

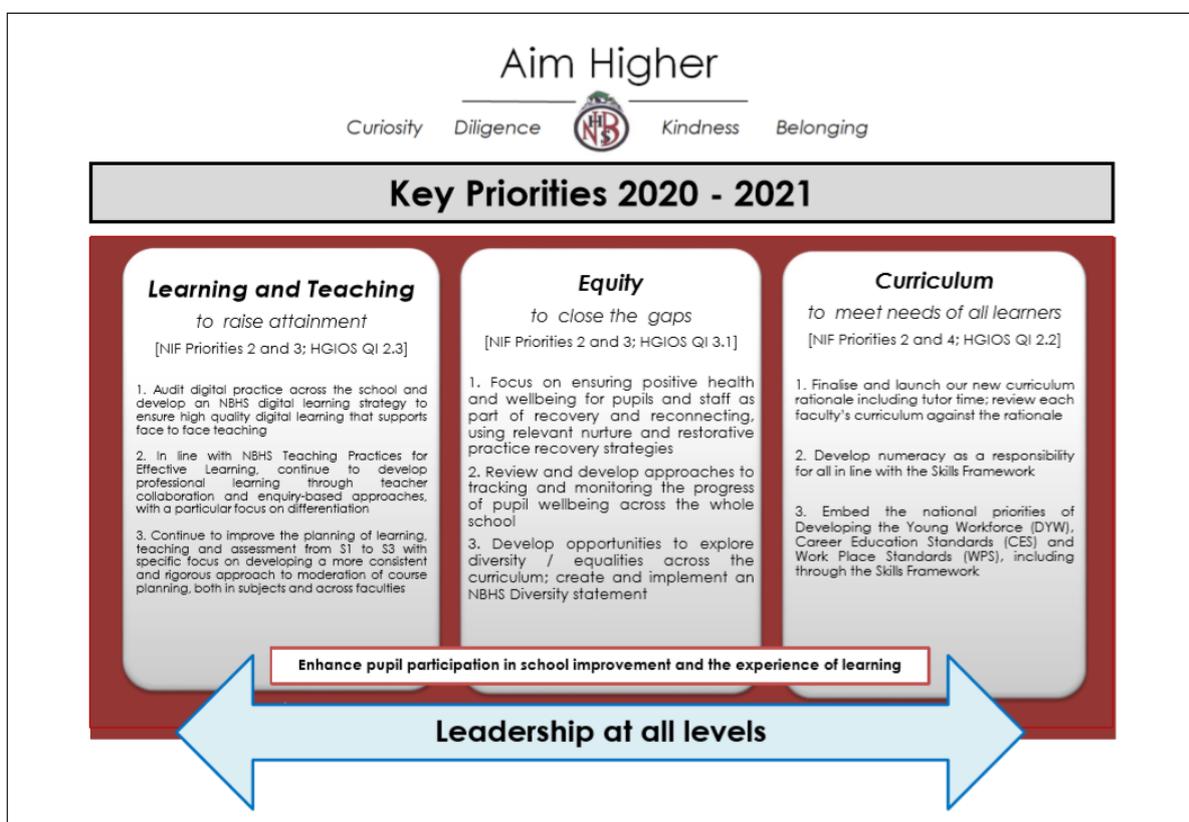


NBHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Friday 2 October 2020

School Improvement Plan Key Priorities

For the last three school sessions, our key priorities for improvement have come under the headings of: *Learning and Teaching*, *Equity* and *Curriculum*. Detail can be found in our School Improvement Plan, which you will find on the school website. We are delighted that HMI commended our school improvement planning process, and recognised the positive impact it is having on the work of the school and outcomes for our young people. Below is a summary of the three strategic actions within each of the SIP Key Priorities:



Parental Update Forms

We are in the process of issuing each pupil with a PC1 form, update form and emergency closure form. Please ensure you complete the forms as soon as possible. They are to be returned during Tutor time. Please also ensure you inform the school if your child has any medical conditions.

School Canteen Menu

At the end of this update you will find a letter from Stoiginiew Sadecki, our Cook Supervisor, outlining the variety of food and drink offered to pupils in the school canteen at break and lunchtimes.

Parent Council Meeting

Following the recent AGM, the first full meeting of the Parent Council this session takes place on Tuesday 6 October at 7.00 pm. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, just email the communications inbox and we will ensure that you are sent an invitation to the meeting. It will be held via Google Meet.

Face Coverings

Since Monday 31 August, the wearing of face coverings in school corridors and confined communal areas, where physical distancing is particularly difficult to maintain, has been compulsory in schools. Exceptions are under-12s and those young people who have an exemption for health reasons. In the first few weeks, the majority of our young people were complying with the Scottish Government guidance. However, an increasing number of pupils are arriving at school without a face covering and these then need to be issued from the small stock held by the school for emergencies. The cost of each of these masks is 35p and we are issuing approximately 100 per day; for one week, the cost to the school is therefore almost £200.

In addition to the environmental impact of the use of disposable face coverings, money spent on these obviously reduces the amount available to spend on other resources. For example, here are just some of the items that we could purchase for that weekly cost of £200:

- a class set of headphones, with mics, for business education;
- 15 BGE textbooks for modern studies;
- 2 portable keyboards that could be lent out to music pupils who don't have an instrument at home;
- a class set of the novel *Of Mice and Men* for English;
- a yearly subscription to Linguascope for online learning in modern languages;
- a breast cancer and testicular cancer awareness demonstration kit for use in PSE classes.

We understand that all members of our school community may occasionally forget to bring their face covering with them to school and we hold an emergency stock of masks for such occasions; however, we all need to make it a habit to carry our own face covering with us at all times. This is a plea to all parents and carers: **please ensure that your child has a face covering for use in school and remind them that they have a personal responsibility to wear it in school corridors and other confined communal areas**, as outlined in the Scottish Government guidance. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS - New Attendance Mailbox

We have now set up a new email address for all attendance matters. This should make it easier for parents and carers as there is no longer any need to phone the school – just send us an email to the Attendance address with the detail of absence, appointments etc. We recommend that you add this email address to your contacts so that it is quick and easy for you to access.

attendance@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

NBHS Communications

Just a reminder that if you wish to contact school you can email us at the address below, or contact your child's guidance teacher directly.

communications@northberwickhigh.elcschool.org.uk

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to let you know some of the snacks and meals that we offer in our canteen and assure you that your children are getting what they need every day in the canteen.

Our daily morning break menu is always the same:

- Pizzinni
- Morning Rolls (sausage, bacon, haggis, black pudding, doublers)
- Chicken Burgers
- Paninis with filling
- Sandwiches selection
- Yoghurt
- Fruit

Lunches look a bit different because we need to use our take away containers and the menu is set up weekly. This is what we offer right now for the pupils:

- Fish and chips
- Pasta King (Tomato Mascarpone sauce) Vegetarian
- Pesto Pasta Vegetarian
- Pasta and Tomato sauce Vegetarian
- Chicken Burger
- Beef Burgers
- Hot Dogs
- Sausage Mash and Gravy
- Sausage rolls
- Bagels with filling
- Beef Chilli and Rice
- Pizza Vegetarian
- Pizzinni Vegetarian
- Macaroni Vegetarian
- Quorn Dippers and potato wedges vegetarian
- All Soups are Vegetarian
- Veggieballs with tomato sauce and spaghetti Vegetarian

Every week we are trying to improve our menu so, as of next week, we will be introducing salad boxes freshly made every day:

- Bombay potato
- Potato salad
- Coleslaw
- Beef Teriyaki Noodles
- Veggie sticks with hummus and oat cakes
- Pasta salads
- Mixed salad

In addition, we bake fresh everyday a selection from:

- Chocolate cookies
- Oat Biscuits
- Vanilla cookies
- Carrot Cake

- Sponge with icing
- Chocolate sponge with icing
- Flapjack
- Scones
- Empire Biscuits
- Shortbread
- Chocolate Krispies
- Brownie
- Custard creams
- Muffins
- Chocolate crunch
- Syrup Krispies
- Truffles

We also serve a varied selection of drinks:

- 5 different flavours of Suso
- Chocolate Milk no sugar
- Strawberry milk no sugar
- Milk
- Water
- 6 different flavour Waters
- 3 flavours of Capri Sun
- Tea
- Coffee
- Hot Chocolate

If you or any of your children have any suggestions for items that you would like to see on the menu, please feel free to get in contact with us.

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Sincerely,

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