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3 February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Term dates for the move into the new building

The move into the new building is confirmed for February half term. To allow everything to be packed and moved and ready for teaching we will close for February half term at 2pm on Thursday 9th February 2017. The school buses will arrive earlier on this day to collect students. If the early close will cause difficulties for you then students can be supervised in the library until 3.35pm. Please let us know in advance if you wish your son/daughter to stay with us on this day.

There will also be an extended half term break for students, with the first day back at school in the new building being Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

First day back

All students need to arrive via the bus park at the new building at the usual time on Wednesday 22nd February. Staff will be outside to meet students and direct them to the dining hall. We will then have a whole school assembly in the new hall before students will go with their form tutors to their tutor rooms. We will have an extended tutor time during period 1 and 2 so that pupils can orientate themselves around the new building and receive their updated timetables and room locations. We will also walk through the fire evacuation procedures to ensure that everyone is familiar with these.

Access to the new building

From February 22nd until September 2017 access to the new building for **all** staff, students and visitors will be via the bus park at the other end of Grange Street. The main school entrance will be closed to us and used by the builders only as they demolish the current school buildings. This will create additional traffic and possible congestion for us and the other local schools. Anyone using the area around the bus park needs to take extra care. **We ask that wherever possible our students walk to school or are dropped off or picked up away from Grange Street and walk this part of the journey.** This will allow safer access for all to each of the three schools using this entrance.

Pedestrian access will be around the edge of the bus park as at present and we ask that no students walk across the bus park.

The bus park will be clearly marked as one way for buses and cars. There will be a drop-off zone for our students at the far end of the bus park (nearest the school building entrance) with the side nearest to the entrance reserved for Woodbridge and Alfreton Nursery drop-offs. Please do take extra care if you do use the bus park as there will be many much younger children in and around this area. There will be visitor spaces for our school clearly marked in designated parking bays. It is very important that cars do not block access for the buses and that cars are not parked in the middle of the bus park as this space is required for the buses to reverse.

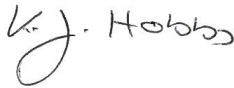
We are very pleased that our school is the first secondary school in Derbyshire to receive the Bronze travel award for our work in ensuring sustainable and safe travel to and from school and we are working very hard to complete our Silver and Gold award by the end of the school year. Please do help us in our efforts to ensure that travel to and from school is as safe as possible.

Contacting the school

Please note that our computer systems and telephones will be moving over from the afternoon of Thursday 9th February and may not be in full operation until Thursday 16th February. If you do need to contact us during this time please use [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@ davidnieper.academy) and we will reply as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the move into our new building please do not hesitate to contact me on 01773 832331 or mhackett@davidnieper.academy. Please do visit our website www.davidnieperacademy or our twitter account @nieperacademy for up to date information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. J. Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'K'.

Dr Kathryn Hobbs
Headteacher