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1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a good half term and that you were able to enjoy some of the lovely weather we have been having.

Online work

All pupils should have received a notification this morning via Show My Homework (SMHW) reminding them that the new half term starts today. We will continue to run our slimmed down timetable of four lessons per day which should leave some additional time in the afternoon for exercise, completing some of the optional challenges, reading and other such pursuits. We were very pleased to be able to celebrate the achievements of many pupils at the end of last half term. We are looking forward to being able to send out even more certificates this half term. Keep up the good work.

Weekly update

Please continue to refer to our website under News/Coronavirus Covid19 where we will continue to provide any updated Government and Department for Education advice and guidance.

Newsletter

I hope that you enjoyed our latest edition of the Academy Newsletter. We had some lovely feedback on our bumper edition which was designed to showcase our online learning. This and all previous Newsletters can be found at <https://davidnieper.academy/news/newsletters/>

Opening of schools

In line with Government guidance we will be reopening for some face to face sessions with Year 10 and Year 12 students from the week beginning 15th June. We have been in contact with all parents of children in these year groups and will confirm the final arrangements and safeguarding measures in due course.

Our online education, via Show My Homework, will continue for Year 10 & Year 12 students when they are not receiving face to face support.

Student Leaders

Mrs Turner, our Key Stage 4 Progress and Achievement Leader, has contacted all Year 10 students asking for application letters from those who would like to be considered for Student Leader roles for next academic year. Student Leaders hold a valuable leadership role within the academy representing the academy at all events throughout the year. Student Leaders also take on roles within the Charity Committee, Prom Committee and, our hoped for, Environment Committee as well as supporting staff and being role models for the younger pupils. If your son/daughter is in Year 10 please discuss these positions with him/her and encourage them to apply. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Turner rturner@davidnieper.academy

Support for all issues

If there are any issues at all with SMHW, IT issues, laptop issues, the actual work or pastoral or safeguarding issues please get in touch with us straight away – **please do not let an issue build up**. Contact via email can be to your son/daughters form tutor, subject teacher, Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager or please ring the main office 01773 832331. We have already sorted out a lot of issues and we are very happy to help.

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Academy Uniform

Now is a good time to consider whether items of academy uniform need replacing, ready for the start of our new academic year in September.

Our academy uniform provider is The Schoolwear Centre so if your son/daughter needs any new items please visit their website <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/> or call them directly on 01623 650782.

The academy's uniform policy, for all students, is available for download from our website.

Key Workers

We are aware that a number of organisations are starting to increase the number of staff who are going into work as opposed to working from home. If you are a Key Worker - see the list of roles covered by this definition at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> and you now require to take up the place at school for your son/daughter please contact Mr Matthews bmatthews@davidnieper.academy or the main school office 01773 832331 to confirm that you meet the key worker criteria and to discuss the in school provision that you require.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Free School Meal eligibility applications are done through the Derbyshire County Council website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> If any parents/carers have recently applied for Universal Credit please make sure that you have also applied for your children to receive free school meals. We can then allocate you a free school meal supermarket voucher each week while the academy is operating for key worker children only.

Spirit of Alfreton

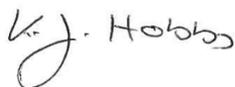
There is much being reported at the present time about the loss of local newspapers and news. The Spirit of Alfreton <https://alfretonforum.org/> is a platform where local information and news can be shared.

Safeguarding

There are lots of useful items and links to helpful websites via the academy website. For any Safeguarding issues that you would like to discuss or would like support with please contact Mrs Howard [lhoward@davidnieper.academy](mailto:howard@davidnieper.academy) or Mr Matthews bmatthews@davidnieper.academy

Please do stay in touch with us. We are looking forward to this half term.

Yours faithfully



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