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8 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that the first week back of online learning for this half term went well. We are aware that some children are finding the current situation very difficult and are finding it hard to motivate themselves to complete all the set work as we move into this second half term of online learning. Please do contact us via any of the usual channels if you feel that this applies to your son/daughter. We will continue to look for ways that we can engage with all pupils and families to offer as much support as possible. We encourage all pupils:

- to continue to put in place a set routine each day;
- to aim to engage with and complete all four lessons on the day that they are set;
- to submit work promptly following the guidance from Mr Ruddy;
- to ask for help from subject teachers if any of the work is unclear;
- to discuss with form tutors or Pastoral Support Managers any pastoral issues.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the Year 10 & 12 students from 15th June. We hope that this will be the beginning of the return of all pupils, but we appreciate that this may be a longer-term process. I will, of course, continue to keep in touch with you and let you know as we receive further information on the wider reopening of schools.

Reopening of schools for Year 10 & 12 students

We have completed a full consultation with all staff and parents of Year 10 & 12 students and put in place a very comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that our site and working practices are as safe as possible. We will start to bring Year 10 & 12 students back for some face to face teaching from Monday 15th June 2020. We will be sending out individualised timetable information to each family later this week. If you have any questions, please contact:

Year 12 Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy

Year 10 Mr Ruddy cruddy@davidnieper.academy

Or ring the main office 01773 832331.

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

Rewards & Behaviour Policy Addendum

Considering the updated Risk assessment and changed way of working at the present time, we have put in place an Addendum to our Reward & Behaviour policy. This outlines all of the expectations for pupils working in the academy and how staff will work with pupils in order to ensure that everyone is safe and feels safe. As pupils re-enter the academy these expectations and ways of working will be explained in detail with the opportunity for pupils to ask questions. Please see a full copy of the Reward & Behaviour Addendum on the academy website at <https://davidnieper.academy/our-academy/academy-policies/>

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.

Student Leaders

Mrs Turner, our Key Stage 4 Progress and Achievement Leader, has contacted all Year 10 students asking for application letters from pupils 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

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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.

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 on 01623 650782.

The academy's uniform policy, for all students, is available to download from our website <https://davidnieper.academy/our-academy/academy-policies/>

Key Workers

We are aware that a number of organisations are starting to increase the number of staff that are going into work as opposed to working from home. If you are a Key Worker 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)

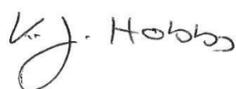
Free School Meal eligibility applications are done through the Derbyshire County Council website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> If any parents/carers have recently applied for Universal Credit please make sure that you 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 keyworker children only.

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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Headteacher