

Ref: KHO/MHA

31 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you have had a good Christmas. I am sorry as I know you will have spent some of the holiday wondering what was likely to be happening with schools in January. Following on from the Government announcements yesterday we now need to amend our plans for the first two weeks of term.

Week of 4th January

Inset day in school for staff as planned Monday 4th January – **no pupils in school and no remote lessons on this day.**

External Sixth form exams will take place as published (based in library). A separate email has gone out to Sixth form students to confirm the arrangements. All revision should continue as planned – students need to arrive in good time for the start of the exam and then will return home for remote learning. If you have any queries about the Sixth form exams please contact either Mr Dixon cdixon@davidnieper.academy or Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy. We have taken the decision to postpone the planned virtual Sixth form parents' evening on Wednesday 6th January. Further details to follow.

Remote learning following our usual timetable for **pupils in Years 7-13** from Tuesday 5th January. Lessons will start at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm each day. **Please note that this is different to our plans from before Christmas. The majority of pupils in Year 11,12 and 13 will now work remotely during this week.**

Pupils in Year 7-10 will be set work via Show My Homework, ideally accessed via a computer but can be accessed via a Smartphone. Any written work will be completed on paper or via Show My Homework. Please contact Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy if there are any issues with internet access.

Pupils in Year 11, 12 and 13 will be set work via Show My Homework that will require computer access. All pupils in these year groups without computer access have been loaned a device. Please contact Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy if you have any IT queries or there any issues with the laptops.

Face to face lessons in the academy for invited Year 7-13 pupils (predominately pupils with Education Health Care Plans) a member of staff will be in touch with parents individually to discuss if this applies to your son/daughter, and children of Key Workers. Thank you to those parents in Year 7-10 who are key workers who have let us know that your child does require a place in school. If you have not yet done so and you do require a place please let us know as soon as possible using the [Critical Worker Form](#). If you are a key worker and your child is in Year 11-13 and you would like to arrange a place in school for your son/daughter please complete our [Critical Worker Form](#) by 9am on Monday 4th January. We will be in touch on Monday 4th January to confirm arrangements for the week.

All pupils in school will follow our usual timetable but with the day finishing at 2.50pm; the school buses have been informed.

Please note that the building will continue to be kept well ventilated throughout the day and all break and lunch times will be spent outdoors. It is vital therefore, that all pupils attending the academy have warm and suitable outdoor clothing.

Free School Meals

Parents of children in Year 7-10 who receive free school meals will have received an email outlining when to collect the food hampers for the week of the 4th January. If you have a child in Years 11, 12 or

13 who receives free school meals we will be in touch on Monday 4th January with further information. Please note if your son/daughter is going to be attending school for face to face learning then free school meals will be provided as usual by the catering staff and you will not receive a hamper. If you have any queries about free school meals please contact finance@davidnieper.academy and a member of staff will be in touch with you on Monday.

Week of 11th January

Face to face learning in the academy for all pupils in **Years 11, 12 & 13** following the usual timetable but with a finish time for pupils of 2.50pm

Face to face learning for invited (predominately those with Education Health Care Plans) and key worker pupils in Year 7-10 continues. All pupils to follow the usual timetable but with a finish time for pupils of 2.50pm.

Remote learning continues for pupils in Years 7-10 following our usual timetable.

Free school meals – further information will be sent to the parents of pupils working remotely about the collection of free school meal hampers for this week.

Week of 18th January

Face to face learning in the academy for all pupils. Academy times revert to the usual finish of 3.35pm Monday to Thursday and 2.50pm Friday.

Covid-19 testing in the academy

You will have seen much in the media about the move to have testing for Covid-19 in schools from January. We are putting our plans in place at the moment and will be in touch early next week with full information and details of how you can be a part of our consultation and question and answer sessions. Please be assured that we are working very hard to put in place a well-planned and prepared for system and that full information will be shared with you and all members of the academy community before any testing is undertaken at the academy.

Dates for the diary

Monday 4th January – INSET

Tuesday 5th January – Return to the academy for invited and Key Worker pupils only. Finish time 2.50pm.

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January – Remote learning for majority of pupils.

Wednesday 6th January – External Sixth Form exams start.

Wednesday 6th January – Sixth Form Virtual Parents' Evening **postponed** – further details to follow.

Monday 11th January - Return to the academy for Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils along with invited and Key Worker pupils only. Finish time 2.50pm.

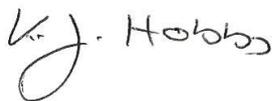
Monday 11th to Friday 15th January – Remote learning for majority of pupils.

Monday 18th January – Return to the academy for all pupils. Normal academy finish time.

If you do have any queries please contact us via info@davidnieper.academy and we will get in touch with you on Monday 4th January.

I do hope that you have a good New Year's Eve.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher