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Dear Parents/Carers

What an amazing week! Every year group has been involved in our Enterprise Week activities and projects this week and what a fantastic range of challenges. Despite the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and considerations we have been delighted that so many of our employer partners and employer links have been able to continue their work with us. Employers have given very generously of their time and expertise, greatly enhancing the week and ensuring that all of our activities have been based around real world issues and events. We have been very pleased to welcome new employer partners this year with Equip UK sponsoring the Outward-Bound course that the Year 8 pupils took part in as well as leading some of the mock employer interviews with our Year 10 pupils. Alfreton Town Council have worked with our Year 7 team on their project looking at rebranding Alfreton. Our previous Employer partners Owen Taylor have supported with the Year 8 challenge and the Year 10 Burger challenge. And Bowmer & Kirkland work with the Year 9's on their design challenges.

Above all I am immensely grateful to all the staff at David Nieper Academy who have embraced Enterprise Week with their usual enthusiasm and worked even harder than usual to consider all of the implications of Covid-19 and to ensure that we were able to put on such a wonderful week of activities. Staff have worked with groups across the whole week, arriving early to get activities set up and staying late to pack everything away. Everyone is very tired, however, the main emotion is one of pride at the standard of work that our pupils have completed. Thank you.

For those Year 9 pupils who were unable to go on the trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, a full refund for the cost of this visit will be arranged.

A full report with lots of pictures will be in our end of term Newsletter, however, we have included a brief introduction in this letter.

“All pupils have been taking part in our Enterprise Week this week and have created some fantastic pieces of work, worked well in teams and supported each other. The week has included activities such as our Burger Challenge, Scrap Heap Challenge, field work in Alfreton town centre and sculpting dinosaurs. It has been wonderful to see the pupils engaged and getting involved in such varied and interesting projects.”



Covid-19 Procedures

Following the Government announcement that the country is moving to Stage 4 from Monday 19 July, the academy has decided that to get us all safely through to the holidays, we will keep all of our current Covid-19 processes and procedures in place. Therefore:

- We ask all staff, pupils and visitors to wear face coverings in corridors and communal spaces,
- Pupils and staff can continue to wear face coverings in class if they wish to do so,
- **Pupils will still be required to wear masks on the academy buses and service buses**
- We will continue to expect and require all pupils and staff to maintain their distance from each other whenever possible
- We will continue with our timings, lining up for entry into the building, washing hands and using hand sanitisers, cleaning desks after every lesson, being outside as much as possible, having well ventilated rooms and any other such procedures that are now part of our usual way of working.

These measures will also continue for all of our Summer School events.

It is very important that all pupils do continue to bring a mask and a spare to school each day for these final few days of term. We would like for everyone to be able to enjoy a restful and healthy start to the holidays.

Covid-19 Testing requirements for September

Following the Secretary of State for Education's announcement that all pupils in September will be offered two lateral flow tests in the academy, we are planning how this will impact on the start of our new academic year in September. We are hoping this will cause very little disruption but may involve a staggered start for pupils to allow for us to complete the required in-school testing, details of which will be communicated to you once final plans are in place. We will ensure that we have kept up-to-date with all of the DfE and Government advice, guidance and requirements and will communicate full details to you ready for the start of the new academic year.

Sports Day – Monday 19 July

On Monday 19 July we are hosting our annual House competition sports day for all pupils.

The weather is looking good and we have spoken to all pupils to remind them:

- To come to school in full PE kit and that they will stay in this for the day.
- To bring **sun screen/ water** bottle with a supply of water (water will be available to top up bottles if required) and a **hat**.
- Not to bring fizzy drinks or aerosols
- They will be in lessons Period 5&6 so will need their resources for this.
- It will be a Week B timetable next week.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Sports Day and House competition and to presenting this year's winning house with the academy Sports trophy. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend Sports Day but we will report on the event in our Newsletter.

Online Tutor Review Afternoon - Tuesday 20 July

Our online tutor review afternoon will take place on Tuesday 20 July, 2pm-6.30pm. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointments online. Please see Mr Endacott's previous letter. This review meeting gives you the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's form tutor or another member of staff to discuss the final report for the academic year including progress, assessment week results, attendance and attitude to learning in preparation for September. Please be reminded that pupils will leave the academy at 1.40pm and early school busses have been arranged. Please let us know if you would like your son/daughter to remain in the academy.

Last day of term

Thursday 22 July is the last day of this academic year. All pupils will be allowed to leave the academy at 1.40pm and early school buses have been arranged.

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students at Morley Hayes on Thursday 22 July, for our Leavers' Prom.

Summer School

Please ensure that consent forms have been completed for those Year 7 & 8 pupils who will be attending summer school.

Lateral Flow Testing

With the easing of some national restrictions it is even more important that all pupils and staff continue to test twice a week. All pupils in school have now received at-home testing kits, together with a step-by-step guide for self-testing. The following video about home testing has also been shown to our pupils <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

- The guidance states that pupils should use the test twice each week. We would like pupils to test on a Sunday and on a Wednesday
- If pupils get a positive result, as well as registering the result with the test and trace website, please continue to inform us by contacting school immediately or email info@davidnieper.academy to let us know. The email will be monitored daily.
- If pupils get a positive result, they and the rest of your household must begin to self-isolate.
 - You must also book a confirmatory PCR test. This can be through a test centre or a postal test.
 - If the result of this is positive, you must continue to self-isolate in-line with national guidance. If the result of this is negative, please contact school as pupils will then be able to return.

Pupils must not attend school if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Pupils will not be supplied with testing kits for over the summer holidays. Kits are readily available from local chemists or by ordering online through the NHS.

Local Support Grant Scheme (CLSG)

The Government has recently announced that the COVID Local Support Grant Scheme will be extended for the summer break. Each eligible child will receive vouchers with a total value of £80, split into two £40 allocations. These will be sent out week beginning 19 July and then again week beginning 9 August.

If you received a voucher from Derbyshire County Council during May half-term, you will automatically be eligible for this support over the summer. If you have recently applied for FSM eligibility please register for support from this scheme at

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/food-vouchers-for-children/143ECB51-ACAD-4FAF-A11C-915258D22724> If you have any queries about this scheme or the vouchers please email CWGS@derbyshire.gov.uk – the academy does not hold any information on the scheme.

Derbyshire Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE

Derbyshire County Council have asked us to share with you details of how families can access FREE healthy, enriching activities and food for our benefit related Free School Meal children. The Derbyshire HAF programme has developed a bespoke website '**It's about me**' <https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk/> supporting children and families across Derbyshire whilst also introducing our 30-day summer challenge.

Lost Property

A large amount of lost property still remains in the academy. If items are named, we can return these to pupils very promptly. Unfortunately, many items, some very expensive, are not named. Please can all items of property and clothing be named. Any lost property is kept at reception.

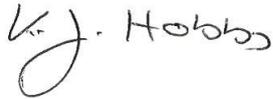
Academic Year 2021/2022

Thursday 2 September	INSET day
Friday 3 September	INSET day
Monday 6 September	All pupils return (may be a staggered start to allow for all testing - to be advised)
22-29 October	Half-term (including Friday 22 when the academy will be closed)
Wednesday 22 December	Last day of term
Thursday 23 December	INSET day
Monday 10 January 2022	All pupils return

We continue to offer help and support to all of our pupils, families, staff and community. If you do need to get in touch please email info@davidnieper.academy and someone will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend and the very sunny weather.

Yours faithfully



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