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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back

I hope you and your families are safe and well, and have all enjoyed a lovely summer.

It was wonderful to see our new Year 7 pupils in the academy today, all looking very smart in their new uniform and excited about starting at secondary school. We very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the academy next week. Below is a reminder of the staggered start times for the different year groups.

Monday 6 September	Year 7 - normal school day onwards Year 8 - arrive 10.45am / depart normal time, normal school day onwards Year 9 - pupils should not attend Year 10 - pupils should not attend Year 11 - normal school day onwards Sixth Form – normal school day onwards
Tuesday 7 September	Year 9 – arrival 10.45am / depart normal time, normal school day onwards Year 10 - normal school day onwards

Please be reminded that the individual Parent/Carer year group letters, which provide full details of the September start, are available to download from our website. Click [here](#) to view.

Covid-19 Procedures/Testing for September

The Department for Education has issued new guidance for schools for September, and we have amended our procedures accordingly. We will go through the procedures and expectations with all pupils during their first assembly on the first day that they are in next week. As usual we will continue to update the guidance in line with Government and Public Health England advice and guidance.

Face coverings are no longer required to be worn in lessons or communal spaces but pupils who wish to continue wearing one are, of course, welcome to do so.

Year group bubbles are no longer required. However, pupils will still have their own year group areas at breaks and lunchtimes.

We will continue with our one-way system around the building.

All pupils are encouraged to maintain the high standards of hygiene that we adopted by washing their hands and using the hand sanitizer available around the academy at very regular intervals. We will continue our enhanced cleaning regime.

We will continue to ventilate all classrooms and areas within the school. We are also in the very fortunate position of having an air circulation system fitted in the academy and we will continue to ensure that this is in use throughout the day.

We will continue to encourage all pupils to take breaks and lunchtimes outside the academy where the weather permits and so do advise on bringing coats on cooler days.

School and public transport – we ask that all pupils when travelling to/from the academy on school/public transport continue to wear their face coverings.

Once the testing of pupils in the academy is completed next week, pupils will receive testing kits to take home. 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 the test is positive, please do not attend school but book a PCR test and self-isolate until the result is confirmed. Please do contact school to let us know the situation via info@dauidneiper.academy

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)

Academy uniform

The start of the new academic year is the ideal time to ensure that all pupils arrive to the academy dressed correctly. We will remind all pupils about our uniform expectations in assemblies during the first week back, including the need to have dark grey school trousers and skirt, along with the requirement to wear the correct school shoes. We will also remind all pupils of our requirements around piercings, jewellery, hair and nails.

Please see our website for full [Uniform](#) details and visit our Uniform supplier [Schoolwear Solutions](#) to order any items needed. Please can we ask that all PE kit and uniform are labelled with pupil names. This will allow us to promptly return any lost items. Please contact us if you require any help or support with uniform issues.

Our uniform expectations are an important part of academy life and culture, and we thank you for your support with this.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be used in the academy by pupils in Years 7-11. Devices must be switched off and kept in lockers/school bags. If mobiles are used during the day they will be confiscated and kept in the main office, which pupils may collect at the end of the school day.

Our Mobile Phone and Electronic Device policy is available on our website for download. Click here to view the [Policy](#)

Paying for Calculators – Year 7

A reminder for Year 7 Parents/Carers to pay via ParentPay your deposit of £2.50 for the calculator/maths set.

Replacement calculators are available to all pupils at a cost of £5 each.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free school meals and is sent home to self-isolate we can offer two options to parents/carers:

- **10 days self-isolation** – If your child either tests positive and has to self-isolate for 10 days we can provide a 2-week food box (collection only).
- If after taking a lateral flow home test your child tests positive and you are waiting for the results of a PCR test, we can offer a daily Grab & Go bag that can be ordered before 10.30am and collected after 12 noon. If the PCR test is also positive, we can then offer the 2-week food box for the 10-day self-isolation period.

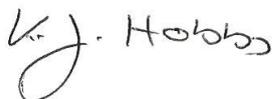
Academic Year 2021/2022

Monday 20 September	Year 7 & 12 Tutor Review Evening, 4-6.30pm (separate letter to follow)
Monday 11 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm (full details to follow)
22-29 October	Half-term (including Friday 22 when the academy will be closed)
Wednesday 22 December	Last day of term
Wednesday 10 November	Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm (separate letter to follow)
Thursday 23 December	INSET day – academy closed
Monday 10 January 2022	All pupils return

If we can help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email info@davidnieper.academy and a member of staff will be in touch.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new academic year at David Nieper Academy.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
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