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Dear Parents/Carers

We have certainly had a variable week in terms of weather and experienced our first set of wet breaks and lunch times. Thank you to all the pupils for working together to ensure the smooth running of these sessions.

It has been lovely to see our extra-curricula programme and trip programme restart this week. Many pupils have returned to their instrumental and singing lessons with all tutors now back in school with us. Many thanks to Miss Pell, our music teacher, and Miss Rennie, our music assistant, for getting the lesson timetables in place so promptly. If your son/daughter is interested in learning an instrument, please ask them to speak to the music staff about the opportunities available. The music activities for this half-term running at lunch time and after school have also been advertised to all pupils, please see below for the current schedule. We also had a Performing Arts trip that went to see a performance of Blood Brothers in Nottingham. There are other trips and events on offer over the next few weeks, pupils receive letters and information, and consent forms are sent directly to parents. We will also include a summary of the key upcoming events as part of our weekly letter to parents. If you ever need additional information, please email info@davidnieper.academy and a member of staff will come back to you.

Open Evening – Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday 29 September 2021 4.30-7pm

We are very much looking forward to being able to show our academy to interested parents and children in Year 5 and 6 on the evening of Wednesday 29 September. This event will be by appointment only. Please direct any of your friends and family who may wish to book a visit to our website www.davidnieper.academy where they will find full details of the event and how to book a tour. Staff are inviting small numbers of current pupils to assist during the evening in faculty displays and activities. Please return the consent letter to the relevant teacher if your son/daughter is able to help.

Lunches

We are aware that the lunch queue for Key Stage 3 was longer than we would have liked at the start of the week. We have therefore made a number of changes to the layout of the lunch counters to ensure that all pupils can get their lunches promptly, have time to sit and eat their lunch and socialise with their friends. We also have on order some new picnic tables to ensure that any pupils who wish to sit outside have the space to do so. Each year group will rotate first lunch on a weekly basis.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with our academy uniform. Our pupils look exceptionally smart and this has been commented on by a number of members of the public and visitors to the academy. It is important that pupils who still have some minor uniform issues to amend do work to the deadlines agreed with them. If we can help and support with any uniform issues or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

Following the Government announcement about the extension of the Covid-19 vaccination programme to now include 12-15-year olds we have been advised that the vaccination will be offered by the NHS Immunisation team at our academy on Friday 15 October. We are aware that you and your son/daughter will wish to have full information. The link to the Covid-19 vaccination programme for children and young people: Guidance for parents is at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1018615/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

Please also see the information below from the Immunisation Team including the link to the Guide for children and young people.

Children aged 11 are not yet invited to have the vaccine and those aged 16 or above can continue to access the vaccine via vaccination clinics. If you would like further information please see the contact details below from the Immunisation Team.



Derbyshire Community Health Services 
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parents/ Carers

Following national guidance, the NHS will be offering the Covid-19 vaccination to young people aged 12–15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. The flu vaccination, as mentioned in last week's letter, is a separate form so please ensure you complete both consent forms if you wish your child to be vaccinated.

Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please only complete the consent form if your child will be aged 12-15 on the day of vaccination.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Covid> to complete the consent form.

The unique school code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405**

Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance and therefore the consent system will close 24 hours prior to the session in school.

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination - A guide for children and young people](#)

If you experience any problems completing the consent form or would like further information please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below.

Repton Health Centre: 01283 707178

Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953

Or email us DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Yours faithfully
Immunisation team


Derbyshire Community
Health Services
NHS Foundation Trust

Sports Festival – Years 7 & 8, Tuesday 28 September, 4-6pm

We are very pleased to be able to host our first ever Sports Festival at the academy. At the event Year 7 & 8 pupils and parents will be able to experience up to 3 sports which are offered in school or in our local area. If, after the event, a specific sport is popular the school will pay for 10 weeks of coaching on site, in order to allow pupils to decide if they would like to continue with this activity. Sports include:

Rugby / Cheer Leading / Football / Archery / Cricket / Boxing / Fitness / Netball / Dance / Trampoline / Golf

All pupils in Years 7 & 8 have been given information about this event in their PE lessons and have been given a letter with full information and a consent form to be returned. If you require any further information please contact Mr Clarke at jclarke@davidnieper.academy

Music extra-curricula timetable

Extra-Curricular Music at David Nieper Academy

All groups take place in A07. Please speak to Miss Pell or Miss Rennie for more information

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	"Keyboard Klub" (Invite only) CPE & ERE	KS3 Samba Band ERE	KS4 DNA Voices CPE	KS3 DNA Voices CPE	Boom Whacker Band KS3 Week A KS4 Week B CPE & ERE
After-school		School Band ERE (All years!)		Rock Band ERE (All years!)	

Enrichment Opportunities

Mr Burns will frequently be putting together a calendar of enrichment opportunities that may be of interest to pupils. Please visit our website [Enrichment Opportunities](#) to view the weekly updated list. Activities are identified for the age groups they are recommended for and range across all subjects as well as more general opportunities like an 'Introduction to University' or 'study skills'.

Covid-19 Procedures/Testing for September

We continue to follow the Department for Education guidance for schools. As usual we will continue to update the guidance in line with Government and Public Health England advice.

As a reminder:

- 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.

Pupils have received 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@davidnieper.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)

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.

Upcoming Trips and events

Various September dates	Year 7 Laser quest House trips
Monday 20 September	Year 7 Meet the SEND team
Wednesday 22 September	More Able and Talented information evening
Tuesday 28 September	Year 7 & 8 Sports Festival
Wednesday 29 September	Year 5 & 6 Open evening

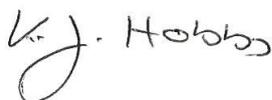
Academic Year 2021/2022

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

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher