



Noel-Baker Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Noel-Baker Academy.

It is a privilege to be entrusted with the job of leading the Academy and I wish to assure you that I, and the staff of Noel-Baker Academy, will work tirelessly to raise standards. I believe passionately that excellent schooling is the right of every child, and I am determined that this vision is achievable. I will never accept that prior attainment or past experiences will inevitably limit our young people's potential and as such I am determined that Noel-Baker Academy will improve rapidly and become a school of choice in our local area.

I know that the Academy has faced significant challenges in its recent history. I would like to thank parents for visiting the Academy this week to meet with me. I have heard and understand the concerns that have been raised. It is vitally important that as parents you feel you have a voice and that as an Academy we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school.

In September we will be launching a half termly parents' forum, the purpose of which will be to ensure that there is continuous and consistent dialogue between the Academy and yourselves. I will also be holding regular drop in sessions for parents in which you will be able to chat to both myself and the senior leadership team to express opinions on what the school is doing well and/or any areas that may need addressing.

In addition to this a 48 hour call back guarantee will also be implemented from the start of the new academic year.

I will be at the Academy again on Monday 9th July, Monday 16th July and Monday 22nd July and will make it my priority to meet with any parents who wish to see me on those days. Please contact Kate McNab, the PA to the Headteacher at the Academy to book an appointment.

As I'm sure you will appreciate in order to shift the Academy in the right direction and make improvements quickly there will have to be some changes to how we operate. I will write to you again in the coming weeks and in September to outline our expectations of pupils, parents and staff.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours Faithfully,

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Mrs Ann Donaghy

(Headteacher Designate)