



Noel-Baker Academy

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Dear Year 6 Student and Parent,

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up with some key information regarding transition and starting with the Noel-Baker family in September.

By now you should have received your Starter Pack from us with lots of information in it and I hope you are able to take the time to read it and absorb it all. All of the forms in cream are to be returned to the Academy by 8th June – this is so that we can continue with the vital background processes to be ready for September.

Considering the current climate, we are doing our best to provide as much transition information as possible and this will all be located on our website at <https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/transition-2/>.

On the website you will find:

- Information about transition from myself.
- A promotional video of the Academy showing daily life for our pupils.
- A virtual tour of the Academy with information and questions for pupils to interact with.
- Weekly Year 6/7 Transition Learning Projects that can be completed to support transition along with key links and information for parents and carers as to how to support transition.
- A Moving Up guide for pupils to get more information about Noel-Baker Academy, our expectations, rules and other general information (coming week commencing 15th June).
- A Meet the Staff link where you will get the chance to meet a lot of the Noel-Baker staff you will encounter and they will answer typical questions you might have about Noel-Baker and transition. This includes all of the information that would have been delivered on the Transitions evening which was scheduled to take place on later on this term which will no longer take place. This is password protected – please enter **richsky99** when prompted to access the videos. (coming week commencing 8th June).
- Specifically, for pupils who have SEND, there will also be a link to a bespoke Moving Up guide, transition video and meet the staff videos which will give more information and guidance about the team that will be helping you in your day-to-day life with us.
- An email address which you can contact with any further questions not answered in the above information.

In the starter pack it states that we will be moving to Academy bags from September 2020. Due to the current situation, this is no longer feasible and therefore this information is not accurate. Please ensure you purchase a rucksack big enough to fit an A4 folder for your child (handbags are not permitted).

Pupils will be given a coloured braid in September that will need to be attached to their blazer pocket to identify their year group.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of two other resources that are available to you.

- [Schooltoolkit.org](https://www.schooltoolkit.org) has a wide variety of resources available for information, support and guidance. This is a local system that has been created to support Derby pupils for Derby schools and there is a specific section on transition. There is also an app available.
- [Offschool.org.uk](https://www.offschool.org.uk) is a free website developed by teachers for families, packed with short learning activities to complement schools' support for home learning. Over 200 films have been developed,

mostly lasting for 3-5 minutes and catering for Early Years through to KS3. Each film introduces fun learning activities that can be completed at home and thousands of families are currently using the site each week. New films are added daily and links to other great sites are also provided, along with competition and parent zones.

Rest assured, we are working hard to make this the best transition experience we can in the circumstances and we appreciate all of your hard work, patience and support in this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Oliver', written in a cursive style.

Mr Oliver
Associate Assistant Headteacher