



16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**COVID-19 - Update**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during these difficult times and for your assistance earlier this week when we dealt with a positive case of COVID-19.

If your child is asked to isolate and they do not have access to a laptop, please contact the Attendance Team as soon as possible so that we can support you by loaning out equipment for the purposes of home learning.

Due to rising infections rates locally and nationally, we have made some amendments to some of our systems and processes.

- 1) Mobile phones – the Government advice is that people over 16 should have the Track and Trace app on their mobile phones. Our current policy is that if a mobile phone is seen in school it is confiscated. This policy remains in place, however to reduce visitors to the Academy (and therefore possible routes of transmission) and to ensure that KS4 students are able to use the NHS Track and Trace app on their way to and from school, we will not be asking parents to visit site to collect any confiscated mobile phones. We will instead return phones to students at the end of their school day.
- 2) Masks – currently all year 10 and 11 students must wear masks on entry and exit to the building and during transition between lessons. As of Monday 19th October we are making mask wearing on entry and exit to the building (in the entrance stairwells and corridors) compulsory for **all year groups**. This means that unless your child has a mask exemption due to SEND or medical needs, they will be required to wear a mask when entering and exiting the building and whenever they are on school corridors. Please ensure that your child brings a mask to school each day.

A problem we faced earlier this week when asking children to isolate, was that some parents were unable to answer their phones at work. With this in mind, could you please update your contact details with us so that in the unlikely event that we have to ask your child to isolate, we have alternative emergency contact details of another family member or trusted adult that we can contact in the event of you not being available. Please inform us via email to [attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk)

We are very aware that due to CV-19 restrictions, we have been unable to run our normal parent forum meetings. If you have a question, query or comment you would like the Academy to consider, please complete the short questionnaire by following the link below so that we can collate the questions and respond as appropriate. We will collate all questions, queries and comments and endeavour to respond to them, either by email or a Parent/Carer FAQ Bulletin, on or by Wednesday 4th November.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HCBDF7GBoEOqWbJW\\_OwBUEuFWfxENjZDkt8jFeAh-WIURThaSThNTVNUOTQ4RkcxOTBXSFNJTUw2Wi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HCBDF7GBoEOqWbJW_OwBUEuFWfxENjZDkt8jFeAh-WIURThaSThNTVNUOTQ4RkcxOTBXSFNJTUw2Wi4u)

Stay safe and thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

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