

Message from the Headteacher:

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. This has also been emailed home to you in a letter.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HCBD7F7GB0EOqWbJW_OwBUeuFWfxENjZDKt8jFeAh-WIURThaShNTVNUOTQ4RkcxOTBXSFNJTUw2Wi4u

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART



COVID-19:

Face covering

As of Monday 19th October, all students will be required to wear a face covering on entry and exit to the building and whilst walking along the corridors.

Exit at the end of the day

Can you please reiterate to your child that on leaving the school site, they must go straight home and practice social distancing in line with Government advice.

Mobile phones

If your child has their mobile phone confiscated they will be allowed to collect it from Reception at the end of the day. This is to allow students to use the NHS Track and Trace app if needed.

Year 7 (Mr Lumbar):

Form of the fortnight: 7L - for the most improved form group for attendance. Well done 7L - keep up the good work!!

Star of the fortnight: Peter Newbold for some really positive work in class well done Peter!! Keep up the good work.

Year 8 (Miss Foulstone):

8,195 positive points for the whole Year 8 so far!

Form of the week: 8O - for consistent amazing behaviour and attendance!

Stars of the fortnight: Chloe Birkinshaw 8O - for always having a smile on her face! Emily Grant - for helping other students in lessons and being a great team player! Jack Brian - amazing literacy work with Mrs Jones!

Year 9 (Miss Scott):

Form of the week: 9O – for having a positive week and a mature attitude to learning!

Stars of the fortnight: Leearna Asri, Destiny Imonitie-Felix, Megan Marshall, Katie Daborn, Dominic Fountain, Fatima Damiya, Aisha Roberts and Sandra Deba - for being the top 8 students in the year group for positive points!

Year 10 (Mr McDonagh):

Form of the fortnight: 10O (Mr Pender) - outstanding effort, top rewards and consistently good attendance.

Stars of the fortnight: Libby Dodsley and Dean Ironmonger (10R) - outstanding effort and engagement in form. Joe Ahuloo (10B) - excellent contributions to lessons and form.

Year 11 (Miss Southern):

Form of the fortnight: 11B for the most increased attendance.

Star of the fortnight: We have two stars this fortnight for Year 11 (because you are that fantastic!) Courtney Monk - for always giving 100% and smiling. Bibek Kharel - for always being polite, engaging and thoughtful.

ACE Centre (Mr Taylor):

Form of the fortnight: 7A – amazing focus and attitude.

Star of the fortnight: Lewin Ingram – he has shown fantastic attitude, behaviour and progress over the last half term. Well done Lewin!

PSHE:

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

W/C 19/10/2020: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.' Margaret Mead

W/C 02/11/2020: 'Courage is not being afraid, it's being afraid and doing it anyway.' Gina Bianchini

Assemblies:

W/C 19/10/2020: Introduction to the student leadership teams

W/C 02/11/2020: Remembrance

Week 1

Year 7: I can maintain positive on and offline relationships

Year 8: Influences and differences in relationships

Year 9: Self-identity and self-esteem

Year 10: How to stay safe on and offline

Year 11: Rights, responsibilities and law

Week 2

Year 7: What are my dreams and goals?

Year 8: Long-term goals.

Year 9: My personal strengths

Year 10: Relationships and goals

Year 11: Careers

Facilities Management:

Please remember to inform school if any of your contact details change. It is important that we can contact parents and carers quickly when we need to. If you have changed your phone number or email address recently please let us know by emailing enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk.

Children cycling to school – please remind your children that they should wear helmets when cycling to school, be respectful of other road and pavement users and never have more than one child on a bike.

Safeguarding & Anti-Bullying:

Earlier this week, the government launched a new three-tier system of COVID-19 restrictions to replace all current local and national lockdown regulations.

Derby is currently under tier 1 restrictions, which all areas in England are placed in unless further measures are necessary and specified otherwise. This means that all national restrictions which are currently in place will remain the same for Derby.

Our students can help the national effort by remembering the basic guidelines, ie. the importance of hand washing, keeping their distance and wearing face masks. We can all help to keep each other safe by slowing the rate of transmission and hopefully reduce the possibility of harsher lockdown restrictions being imposed in the area.

Quality of Education:

At Noel-Baker Academy, we define 'learning' as a 'change in long-term memory'. Research tells us that the best way to embed knowledge into our long-term memory is by taking a 'little and often' approach. If we regularly review material, rather than relying on last-minute cramming, then we are far more likely to commit the studied knowledge to our long-term memory. With mock examinations coming up for Year 11 students, regular review of subject content, beginning now, will give them the greatest chances of success.

Attendance Matters:

Many thanks to those who have completed the short Survey Monkey regarding your child(ren) receiving personalised texts about rewards and attendance. If you haven't already done so, please select

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FB3ZTYB> if you have more than one child at NBA or

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YPFZHD8> if you have one child at NBA.

A huge 'well done' to form 7E who have the highest attendance rate in the school (year to date - almost 100%). A big 'thank you' from the Attendance Team for ensuring that your child arrives punctually to school every day, so they are able to access the knowledge rich curriculum that they are entitled to.