

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, hence our recent request for questions, queries or comments, which we have addressed in a Q and A section that you will find at the back of this Bulletin.

In response to Parental feedback and the daylight drawing in, we have changed the timings of the school year slightly. The exact start and finish times have already been communicated to you and can also be found on the school website.

Our Administrative Team is currently extremely short staffed, and we are doing our best to adhere to our 48 hour turnaround time for responses. Please bear with us, and if you cannot contact us by phone, please email enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk.

Please remember that parents and visitors must not enter site without an appointment. This is a strict rule that has to be followed in order to keep our children, staff and you as safe as possible during this Pandemic. We thank you for your co-operation.

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

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT



COVID-19:

Face coverings

All students are 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 Lumber):

Form of the fortnight: 7E - who achieved the highest recorded positive points in the last two weeks, well done 7E keep up the good work!!

Star of the fortnight: Macey Enright - who has produced some amazing work. Well done Macey, keep up the amazing work!!

Year 8 (Miss Foulstone):

Form of the week: 8N - whose attendance has improved massively and is currently at 97%! Well done 8N and Miss Sefiane!

Stars of the fortnight: 8E – Joe Buckingham; 8N – Grace Gillings; 8B – Chloe Siviter.

Year 9 (Miss Scott):

Form of the week: 9E - who have gained the most positive points for the week. Keep it up!

Stars of the fortnight: Ksenija Orbidane and Alex Fields - for their continuous effort and high standard of work. Well done!

Year 10 (Mr McDonagh):

Form of the fortnight: Mr Pender's form – 10O, for top attendance, most improved attendance and top reward points.

Stars of the fortnight: Callum Jervis Wallace - 10B, for showing continuous exceptional improvements in his behaviour and Arnita Didzus - 10A, for engagement with lessons.

Year 11 (Miss Southern):

Form of the fortnight: 11N - for having achieved over 1,200 reward points.

Star of the fortnight: Luca Westwick - for having a continued positive attitude towards his learning and personal growth.

ACE Centre (Mr Taylor):

Year 10 - well done to Janai, Beth, Alex and Taylor on their attendance and work ethic this work. You have been excellent.

Stars of the fortnight:

KS3 - Anel Sestic.

KS4 – Janai-Devon Carr-Fearn.

PSHE:

Thoughts for the week ahead:

W/C 09/11/2020: 'Don't count the days, make the days count'

W/C 16/11/2020: 'If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion'.

Assemblies:

W/C 09/11/2020: Diwali

W/C 16/11/2020: Anti-bullying

Week 1

Year 7: Remembrance
Year 8: Remembrance
Year 9: Remembrance
Year 10: Remembrance
Year 11: Remembrance

Week 2

Year 7: Achieving my goals.
Year 8: What money can't buy.
Year 9: The power of planning.
Year 10: Me, my goals and my health.
Year 11: Careers.

Facilities Management:

Please remember that children should come to school with water in a drinking bottle. Our water fountains are not currently in use.

We are following government guidance and keeping classroom windows open. As the weather turns colder we encourage children and staff to wear more layers. Wearing a tee shirt underneath their school shirt or wearing a plain navy blue v necked jumper over the top of their shirt could help to keep your children comfortable in class, and of course the new school hoodies will be available soon for those of you who have ordered one. Plain navy blue fingerless gloves will be permitted during the colder months.

Bike Safety/Helmets:

All students cycling to and from the academy MUST wear a bike helmet at all times. This is mandatory and has been since September. If students do not have a bike helmet, their bikes will be locked up to allow parents/guardians to collect them, to ensure the safety of their child. Can you also reinforce the importance of cycling safely to school. This includes no wheelies down the street on route to school as this causes danger to the child, but also to the public who are driving on the nearby roads. Bike lights and high visibility vests are also encouraged, as it is harder for bikes to be seen during the winter months. Students should dismount their bikes and walk with them when on the school grounds. Bikes are to be locked in the bike shed until the end of the day.

Behaviour:

May I thank students for their positive start back after half term. It has been an absolute pleasure to be in the Academy this week and to visit lessons in both the main school and in ACE.

Quality of Education:

At Noel Baker Academy, we are committed to continuing to provide ongoing, uninterrupted learning for our students, should they have to isolate at home in the coming weeks or months. This work can be found on the Academy website, under the **Curriculum** tab, and by then selecting the **Home Learning** menu. Depending upon the circumstances of isolation (individual, whole-class or whole-bubble isolation), the work provided will differ slightly.

To remind yourself of our full contingency plan for isolating students, please visit the Academy website:

<https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Contingency-For-Remote-Lesson-Delivery-Reduced-In-School-Provision-Prioritisation-002.pdf>.

Attendance Matters:

We were delighted to celebrate all the students whose attendance was 100% for the first half term. Their names were 'up in lights' on all the TV screens around the school and they will be receiving their celebratory postcard and cookie token very soon. Five positive behaviour points have also been added onto your child's Go4Schools record. The Attendance Team would like to thank all parents in ensuring that their child attends school punctually every day - excellent attendance is crucial to the future educational success of your child. Please also be reminded that all students are expected to attend school, unless they are self-isolating or have **recently** been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable by their GP or specialist clinician. Parents/Carers must contact the school immediately if this is the case and appropriate arrangements for remote education will be arranged for your child. (Tel: 01332 572026). If your child lives with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who is not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, they **must still attend school**.

If your child has been absent from school, please ensure that you have sent written evidence for their absence (via letter or email attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) so we can authorise your child's absence. If your child has been off relating to Covid-19, we do not require written evidence - just a phone call to inform us.

For all other information relating to attendance during these unprecedented times, please access our Addendum to our Attendance Policy September 2020 <https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Attendance-Addendum-September-2020.docx.pdf>

Future Dates for your Diary:

11.11.2020 Remembrance Event in School.

Parent/Carer Q & A:

What do our Academy Trust values 'LEAD, EMPOWER, ACHIEVE, DRIVE' stand for?

LEAD – In every aspect of life the ability to lead is essential. Strong leadership is the key to the success of our schools. We will develop leadership skills in everyone who attends one of them, ensuring the development of the pupils as leaders of their own learning.

EMPOWER – At LEAD Academy schools, pupils are empowered to have high aspirations for their futures. We nurture and challenge the pupils to take responsibility, make decisions and work together so they grow into confident and resilient young people.

ACHIEVE – We believe in achievement in its broadest sense and that enjoyment of learning is crucial to success. We continually look for and reward achievement in every individual in our schools. We also know that a strong command of English and Maths is vital as a foundation for the whole curriculum, and prioritise learning in these core subjects.

DRIVE – We will provide the very best education and training for every individual in our schools and will ensure that this is delivered. We value excellent teaching, underpinned by high quality professional development and constantly move forwards, using and instigating the best ideas and practice.

How can I track my child's progress?

At present, parents can track their child's progress on Go-4-Schools. Due to the current situation, it has not been possible to hold Parents' evenings in the normal way, but we are working on the possibility of having a 'virtual' Parents' Evening and more details will be given to you in due course. If you have any urgent concerns, please contact your child's form tutor.

What about my child walking home now the dark nights are here?

Originally, the bubble system was only expected to last until half term. However, since it has become clear that the current way of operating the school day is likely to be with us for some time, we have addressed the timings of the school day so that none of the year groups will go home in the dark.

Why isn't the Canteen doing 'proper' meals?

Due to the staggered lunchtimes for the bubble groups, it is not possible to provide our full meal service, therefore a 'grab and go' option is being provided. This option is designed to prevent surface transmission and has been directed by Public Health England. We have healthy options available, such as a choice of sandwiches or a balanced, hot pasta pot (both vegetarian and non-vegetarian), together with fruit and non-fizzy drinks.

My child will be cold as you have to have the window open?

To comply with Public Health England guidance, we must keep the building well ventilated at all times which means having windows open in classrooms. Please ensure your child wears layers under their school shirt and trousers, together with a plain navy V-neck jumper and/or school hoody under their blazer. They can also wear plain navy fingerless gloves.

E-safety briefing: Zoom



With a zippy name and cool features, Zoom has been the video-meeting software of choice for many businesses since it launched in 2013. However, it can be really useful for keeping in touch and at Noel Baker teaching staff have made use of the app to record lessons for home learning.

What is it?

Zoom is a video-chatting tool that can be used use it to attend online classes, visit virtually with friends and relatives, and even join remote events like birthday parties. The basic, free version of Zoom offers lots of options, such as the ability to wordlessly signal that you have a question, brainstorm on a virtual whiteboard, and collaborate on projects by annotating documents on other people's screens.

How do you get on it?

You can use almost any device, including a phone (so long as it has a camera) to download Zoom from the company's **Download Center**, iTunes, or Google Play. Users will get an email from the person organising the Zoom meeting with all the key information, plus an 11-digit meeting ID that you just click or tap to get into the meeting. Before a session, it's always a good idea to open the Zoom software and test your webcam and microphone to make sure they're working to avoid technical surprises once you're live.

Things to be aware of

Zoom was originally intended to be used in business settings, where people try their best to act professionally. That isn't always the case with teenagers. That's why it's really important to know the best settings and features on zoom. Users can prevent **Zoom bombing** (when someone hijacks a session by displaying inappropriate material using their video camera or share-screen function) by requiring participants to register for the meeting or use a password, and by disabling screen sharing.

Here are a few key settings:

- **Random meeting ID.** Though you can use the same meeting ID for every session, Zoom recommends using random meeting IDs (which is an option when they're creating the invitation). It's less convenient, but it's more secure.
- **Mute.** Participants can, and should, mute themselves when they're not speaking. But the meeting organiser can also mute students individually or all at once.
- **Chat.** The meeting organiser can control whether students can chat publicly and privately.
- **Disable video.** As a participant, you can join the meeting with audio only and then turn on the video once you're ready. Meeting organisers can also disable an individual participant's video.

Should I be worried about Zoom's privacy?

In addition to the security problems, Zoom has struggled with privacy issues. The company maintains it doesn't sell user data and protects personal information collected from children under 13. However, there are still privacy issue areas where Zoom falls short, including its limited, but still targeted, use of advertising.

If you would like more information on Zoom you can go to the NSPCC sponsored site: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/zoom/>

Message from Uniform Direct:

Following the lockdown announcement by the Government, our stores will be closed as a result of the guidelines for non-essential retail stores, with effect from 5th November 2020.

We will however be offering a call and collect only service from the Derby store, so that parents can purchase uniform during the lockdown. (Subject to schools remaining open during this time). Phone lines will be open between 10am - 2pm on Mon, Weds, Fri and Sat for orders, with bookable collection slots available on the same day. Our staff will be happy to help with sizing and we have attached a handy size and measuring guide and further information about call and collect. This is subject to change without notice and further updates will be communicated through social media.

Please contact us by email, at any time, we will be here for you whenever you need us and as always, keep safe.



CALL & COLLECT STEPS

Order between 10am to 2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
Same day collection slots available

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<h3>BEFORE CALLING</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have your shopping list and the sizes you need ready. Have your payment card ready. Orders are taken Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday—10am to 2pm, for collection on the same day. <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>10am—2pm MON WEDS FRI SAT</p> </div> </div>	<h3>ORDERING</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To order call 01332 342569 Our friendly team will pick your order and take payment over the phone. When your order is ready, you will receive a text message with your order number & a web link to book your collection slot. (please wait until you receive the text message before travelling to the store) <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>01332 342569</p> </div> </div>	<h3>COLLECTION</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On arriving at the store at your pre-booked collection time slot, please have your order number ready. One person to collect order. Please follow social distancing guidelines to keep everybody safe. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering before entering the store and use the hand sanitiser provided. You will be required to sign for your order. Sorry returns or further purchases will not be permitted during collection slots.

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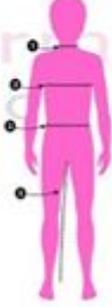


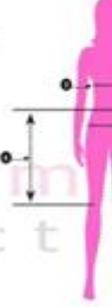
MEASUREMENT GUIDE FOR BOYS & GIRLS



Our garment sizes reflect the size of body the garment will fit in **inches**.

For example: if chest measures 32 inches then blazer size 32 will fit, however if you require a more roomier fit, select larger than 32.





1 COLLAR
Measure around the base of the neck, where the collar sits.

2 CHEST
Place the tape close under the arms. Measure the chest at the fullest part.

3 WAIST
Measure around the natural waistline.

4 HIPS
Measure around the bottom, at the fullest part.

5 INSIDE LEG
Measure from the crotch to the hem of the trousers.

6 SKIRT LENGTH
For skirt length measure from waist to knee.

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SENIOR SIZE GUIDE

BLAZERS		BOYS SHIRTS		GIRLS BLOUSE	
"To fit " CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	COLLAR SIZE	APPROX AGE	CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE
28,29,30	9-10	13"	9-10	30"	9-10
31, 32, 33	11-12	13.5"	11	32"	11
34, 35, 36	13	14"	12-13	34"	12-13
37, 38, 39	14-16	14.5"	13-14	36"	13-14
40, 42	-	15"	14-15	38"	14-15
		15.5"	16	40"	16
		16"-16.5"	-	42"	-

SWEATSHIRT/HOODIES		POLO T-SHIRTS		RUGBY & SPORTS TOPS	
"To fit " CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	"To fit " CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	"To fit " CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE
30	9-10	30	9-10	30-32	9-12
32	11-12	32	11-12	34-36	13-14
34	13	34	13	38-40	15-16
XS	14	36	14	42-44	-
S	14	38	15		
M	15	40	16+		
L-XL	16+	42	-		

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PRIMARY SIZE GUIDE

POLO T-SHIRTS/ SWEATSHIRTS/SWEAT-CARDIGANS

"To fit " CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE
22	2-3
24	3-4
26	5-6
28	7-8
30	9-10
32	11-12
34	13
XS	14