



## Message from the Headteacher:

Firstly, you will be now have received a copy of a letter informing you that the reopening of the Academy in January has changed (please see copy of letter at the end of this bulletin). This decision was not made by us through choice, but has been a Government directive. For the avoidance of doubt, Year 11 students must return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January with all other students to return on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January (unless you have been notified separately by letter today). Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused by the short notice.

Although this has been a challenging and difficult so far, in many respects it has been one of the most rewarding of my time here at the Academy. There is a palpable shift in the atmosphere here; one of support and empathy, where students, parents and staff work together towards a common goal, with a real community spirit existing amongst us. This has never been more obvious than during what we will now call the 'COVID' year. It is true that sadly, many of us have either suffered the pain of loss in our families, or have been affected in some way, either emotionally or materially by this virus, but as a school community, and out of adversity, the spirit of love and positivity has shone through. There is now real hope on the horizon as various vaccines are now coming on stream. However, we cannot let our guard down yet and there is still a long way to go. Therefore, all our current measures to keep everyone safe will continue for the foreseeable future.

As per my letter sent last week, in the unfortunate (and hopefully unlikely) event that we need to contact you during the holidays due to COVID Track and Trace, we will follow the procedure which has been outlined in more detail later on in this bulletin.

Please note, each bubble will finish early on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. See staggered timings later in this bulletin.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year.

## 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:**

<p><b>A HIGH TEMPERATURE</b></p> <p>This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).</p>	OR	<p><b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b></p> <p>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).</p>	OR	<p><b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b></p> <p>This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.</p>
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**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:**

<p><b>YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- Book a COVID-19 test</li> <li>- Household self-isolates</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result</li> <li>- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- The household member should book a COVID-19 test</li> <li>- Household self-isolates</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>
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<p><b>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>	<p><b>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attend school as normal</li> <li>- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>	<p><b>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</b></p> <p><b>WHAT TO DO?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</li> <li>- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice</li> </ul> <p><b>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</b></p> <p>Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>	<p>*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.</p> <p>Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at <a href="http://www.education.ni.gov.uk">www.education.ni.gov.uk</a></p>
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**EDUCATION RESTART**

WE ALL MUST DO IT TO GET THROUGH IT

Department of Education  
[www.education-ni.gov.uk](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk)

HSC Public Health Agency

## 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. We are still giving out far too many disposable face masks, which is putting a strain on finances and is also very bad for the environment. Therefore could we again ask you to provide your children with a reusable face covering in a zippered bag.

### 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:** 7N for their amazing attendance these past two weeks. Well done 7N, keep up the good work!! Have a lovely Christmas Year 7 and I will see you all in the New Year.

**Stars of the fortnight:** Ashton Delici for achieving the highest amount of positive points for Year 7 this term. Well done Ashton!!

## Year 8 (Miss Foulstone):

**Form of the fortnight:** 8O - they have been consistently amazing with attendance, behaviour and academic achievements since coming into Year 8 and have been a shining example for the rest of the year group. Well done on what has been a superb term. Such a hard-working and dedicated form

**Stars of the fortnight:** Billie Kennedy - always having a smile on her face. Jack Brian - for amazing results in his assessments.

## Year 9 (Miss Scott):

**Form of the week:** 9E for being such a lovely caring form and being so supportive and welcoming to the new student in the form. Well done 9E

**Stars of the fortnight:** Harley Shaw for his continuous effort, Jack Beaumont for his amazing improvement.

## Year 10 (Mr McDonagh):

**Form of the fortnight:** 10R are the form of the fortnight for consistent improvements in reward points

**Stars of the fortnight:** Alicia King in 10K and Katy Shuker in 10A, for consistent great effort and positive engagement in school.

## ACE Centre (Mr Taylor):

**Stars of the fortnight:** A big nomination to Anel Sestic, Janai Carr-Fearn and Levi Plaxton on their continual hard work and effort.

## Year 11 (Miss Southern):

**Form of the fortnight:** All the forms! Despite the challenges and difficulties of the last few months you guys keep showing up and working hard

**Stars of the fortnight:** Ashleigh Reed and Danielle Harcula for their positive attitude and determination





## Food Safety:

### Food Allergies

All children's food allergies that we are made aware of are logged on our system and communicated to the kitchen. It is vital you make us aware of any food allergy in writing.

## PSHE:

### Thoughts for the Week Ahead:

W/C 04/01/2021: 'If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life'.

W/C 11/01/2021: 'If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion'.

### Assemblies:

W/C 04/01/2021: New Year, new start.

W/C 11/01/2021: Circle of Life – community project.



### Week 1

Year 7:	Dreams and goals
Year 8:	Dreams and goals
Year 9:	Sexual harassment
Year 10:	Dreams and goals
Year 11:	Sexual harassment

### Week 2

Year 7:	Prejudice and discrimination
Year 8:	Prejudice and discrimination
Year 9:	Equality
Year 10:	Equality – what does it mean in the UK?
Year 11:	Equality – what does it mean in the UK?

## Quality of Education:

Despite the challenges that our Academy community has faced this term as a result of Covid-19, the standard of teaching and learning in our classrooms has remained incredibly high, and Noel-Baker students and teachers have refused to allow learning to be impacted during these challenging times. We are all extremely proud of what has been achieved in classrooms across the Academy this term, and look forward to welcoming our students back to their classrooms in January 2021. Please enjoy a well-earned rest, and a safe and peaceful Christmas break.



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# Parent Bulletin

## Attendance Matters:

We would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times in ensuring your child has attended school. Please see below some interesting facts about attendance and how it can help your child with their future achievements:

- Of pupils with **absence over 50%**, only 3% manage to achieve 5 or more GCSE's;
- 73% of pupils who have **over 95% attendance** achieve 5 or more GCSE's at grades A\*- C (or equivalents);
- Pupils who fail to attend school regularly have difficulty making friends, lose confidence and self-esteem.

We would also like to remind you that any absences are not authorised until we have received written confirmation from parents/carers. The easiest way to inform us of a student absence is to email [attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) as not only are you informing us of the absence but you are also giving us the written confirmation that is required.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Attendance Team 

## Behaviour:

May I thank all parents and guardians for their support in what has been a difficult term during COVID-19. The students during this pandemic have been amazing and I would like to congratulate each and every one of them for their resilience during this time. They have adhered to all new measures in place and followed our daily routines. It has been a pleasure to see our young people back in the Academy this term. We wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a happy New Year. Stay safe and we look forward to working with you and your child in 2021.

## Future Dates for your Diary:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - school breaks up for Christmas. Staggered finish times below:

- Year 7 – finish start of break time at 2.20pm.
- Year 8 – finish at 1.50pm at end of period 4.
- Year 9 – finish after shortened lunch at 2.10pm.
- Year 10 – finish at 2.00pm after lesson.
- Year 11 – finish at 1.25pm.
- ACE - finish at 1.50pm.

School reopens to students – staggered starts/remote learning as advised - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.





## School Gateway App:

### Using the Gateway App for School Communication

Most families now use the Gateway app to make payments for trips, hoodies and school lunches. We also send messages using the app. This saves the school money as we don't have to pay for text messages. If you haven't already done so please register for the app and enable notifications so you see messages from us. The letter at the end of this bulletin explains how to do this.

## Track and Trace over the Christmas Holiday:

School leaders have been asked by the DFE to continue to track and trace cases of CV-19 in their schools for six days after schools break up for the Christmas period.

In order to support us with track and trace moving forward, if your child tests positive for CV-19, please email: [covid@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:covid@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) with the following information:

- name of pupil
- date symptoms started
- date of positive test result
- date last in the Academy

This email account will be monitored daily up until 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

This means that should there be a confirmed case of CV-19 in your child's class or bubble, we may need to contact you to inform you and ask that your child isolates for 10 days from the point of their last contact in school.

Should we need to inform you that your child has been traced as a direct contact of a confirmed case, we will do this via text message and/or email. With this in mind, if you have changed your mobile or email address very recently, please contact the Attendance Team on [attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) to ensure that we have your most recent details on file.

## Safeguarding:

Since lockdown there has been a national rise in children being exploited. This can happen either on line or face to face. Local police have been keeping in close contact with us and have informed us that they are seeing Sexual Exploitation happen mainly online now. Please find below links to both the NSPCC website and the PACE website, where you can find further information to support you, as parents safeguard your children.

PACE – Parents against child exploitation [paceuk.info/for-parents/](http://paceuk.info/for-parents/)

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/child-sexual-exploitation/>

There has also been an increase in criminal exploitation of children at both a national and local level. Again, the NSPCC website provides a wealth of information to support parents in safeguarding their children from being exploited by criminal gangs.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/>

Please see the information at the end of this bulletin which outlines some of the key signs of exploitation in children.

Stay safe all and enjoy your break.



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## IMPORTANT – Copy of Letter to All Parents:



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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents or Carers

I am sorry to be writing this letter today (on our last day of term). You may have watched the various announcements from the Department for Education over the last week with a growing sense of disbelief. The latest Government announcement came via the media, without warning or consultation with schools, at around 3pm yesterday, after many schools had already broken up for the festive break and the day before this school breaks up. As I type we are still waiting for further official confirmation and guidance on many aspects of how this new system will work.

You will no doubt be wondering what this means for you and your child in January.

Some schools and councils, notably Greenwich in London, have been threatened with court action for suggesting that their schools could switch to remote learning in the week before Christmas. It is therefore frustrating that yesterday in the late afternoon, the Government took the decision to advise a staggered start to the new term in January with some students learning remotely. The Government has said that Primary school pupils and students in Year 11 will return to school immediately after Christmas, but that other secondary aged pupils will return the following week (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January). Our plans are slightly different to this, but with good reason.

### Arrangements for Noel-Baker Academy

Following discussion with senior colleagues last night and this morning, it has been decided that in January, students will return to school as follows:

- Students in Year 11 will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January as planned.
- Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be taught remotely (following their normal school timetable). Teachers will record lessons and upload them onto the school website for students to access. This system will be the same that we have been using for students who are self-isolating. These students will return on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Vulnerable students & children of keyworkers.** Earlier in the year, we carried out an exercise where eligible students were identified and prioritised. If your child is to be offered a place in face to face provision on site from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, you will be contacted separately today. Please note that in school provision will be full time and a "blended" approach with a significant number of lessons delivered remotely. This means that students will be taught using the same lessons as those accessing recorded lessons from home supervised by a member of school staff. This is to allow us to ensure that we can release enough teacher time to effectively plan, record, track and deliver remote learning to those students studying from home as well as fulfil our testing responsibilities.

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## IMPORTANT – Copy of Letter to All Parents (cont...):

### Testing

You may have seen it announced this week that students and teachers will have access to mass testing from January. Specifically, this means that staff will be tested weekly (with results taking 30 minutes) and students who are identified as close contacts of someone testing positive, can be tested daily for 7 consecutive days and remain in school if they test negative. This testing will be optional, but those not consenting, would be subject to the normal 10-day self-isolation.

In addition to this we understand that in the week commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> January we will be asked to invite all students to site for two testing appointments.

I support the aim of testing to ensure that fewer days are lost to self-isolation. The problem comes with the timing and nature of the Government's announcement. Specifically:

- Schools must administer the test themselves, allocate or employ staff to cover 9 specific functions in relation to the tests, and we must identify a suitable space for the testing to take place.
- We received notice of this yesterday, and the handbook for schools with the guidance yesterday evening.
- A training session for staff has been offered at 1pm today.

As you can imagine, we have had no time to even think about this, and it is not fair to ask school staff to work and plan even more than they would already be doing over the next two weeks. As more guidance and information is released by the government I will do my utmost to keep you as informed as possible. As always, we will do our best to make this new system of testing work within the constraints we have. I may be writing to you again in January asking for volunteers from our school community, but it really is too early to be definitive about this.

Finally, I am truly sorry that these announcements appear to be so vague and rushed. Our school community, children, parents and staff deserve better. The actions of the Government in making such challenging and sweeping changes at this late hour, have left my team and I frustrated and angry on your behalf. We will continue to do our best to provide you with as much information as we are able to at very short notice.

Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Ann Donaghy  
Head teacher



## Uniform Direct – Information for Parents (cont....):

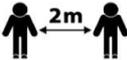


<b>7th Dec to 11th Dec</b>	<b>10am to 5pm</b>
<b>12th Dec to 29th Dec</b>	<b>closed</b>
<b>30th Dec</b>	<b>10am to 5pm</b>
<b>31st Dec</b>	<b>10am to 2pm</b>
<b>1st Jan</b>	<b>closed</b>
<b>2nd Jan</b>	<b>Open as usual 10am to 5pm</b>
<small>SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE</small>	<small>PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK &amp; TWITTER PAGES FOR UPDATES</small>



## COVID-19 & VISITING STORE

**In order to keep everyone safe and help reduce the transmission of COVID-19, please follow the below advice when visiting store;**

	Please be aware that you will be expected to wait in a queue following social distancing rules and <b>keeping 2 metres apart</b> . Queues can be in excess of 2 hours, during the summer and peak times. Please bring an umbrella with you in case it rains. Please be considerate to our neighbouring businesses - do not block access. We are open Monday to Saturday - 10am to 5pm. (closed on Sunday)
	Please always comply with the government guidelines and <b>wear a face covering</b> (covering your mouth and nose), whilst in store. This will include children 11 years and above. If you have a medical exemption, please let a member of staff know.
	A member of staff will bring customers into store for a one to one service. Please follow the instructions from the team and <b>wait at the marked position</b> to be served. <b>Only one adult with one child (where possible)</b>
	Upon entering the store - please use the hand sanitiser provided.
	With COVID SAFE measures in place, trying on or touching merchandise is not permitted. <b>Ensure you measure your child before visiting store</b> . (sorry staff will not be able to measure your child) This will help us to assist you quickly. The changing rooms remain closed.
	There will be no browsing in store allowed so please <b>come prepared with a list of uniform</b> items you require including the sizes you need. Staff will fetch all the items for you.
	Please pay by contactless where possible.

**These measures are in place to keep all our customers and staff safe, during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Please respect and follow instructions from staff and observe the floor markings.

Any form of abuse, rudeness or violence against our staff will not be tolerated, CCTV is recording and will be used if necessary.

**Be Kind Be Safe. Thank you for your co-operation**





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## School Gateway:



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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Schoolgateway

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are encouraging families to use the **School Gateway App** for payments and messages. This is a secure system that saves the school money by removing the need for cash collections and paying for text messages. It also makes school safer as we are not asking children to carry cash. Parents and carers can also see a record of transactions, including what children have been buying at lunchtime.

Most families are now registered to use the **School Gateway**. If you are not using the App please consider spending a few moments to download it and register. It's quick and simple to register with the email address and mobile number that the school holds on record for you. Search for 'School Gateway' in Apps, download the App, then open and click on 'New User'. You will be sent a PIN to enter. If you click on 'new user' and do not receive a pin to enter, you will need to click on the 'forgotten pin' to get one.

If you have trouble logging in, please call us on 01332 861965. Normally any registration problems can be solved by updating the contact details we have on our records for you.

To make the messaging more effective, you can set up push notifications so you know when we have sent you a message.

### For Apple devices:

- On your phone go to Settings.
- In here scroll down to the "Notifications Centre".
- Select School Gateway.
- In here ensure that under the heading "Notification Centre" it is switched on.
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.

### For Android devices:

- On your phone go to Settings | Applications Manager.
- Scroll down your list of apps until you find School Gateway and select it.
- In here there will be a tick box that says "Show notifications" ensure this is selected.
- Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.

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## School Gateway (cont...):

### For Huawei devices:

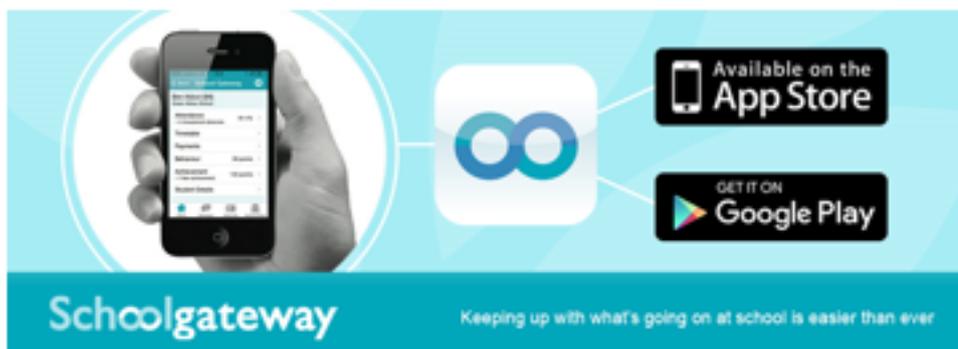
- On your phone go to Settings | Notification and Status Bar | Notifications Centre.
- Scroll down your list of apps until you find School Gateway and select it.
- Activate 'allow notifications' and also 'priority display'.
- Restart your device.
- You will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.

Things are changing quickly as we manage our response to the Coronavirus and the ever changing Government guidance. It has never been more important for the Academy to communicate quickly, efficiently and effectively with parents and carers.

Thank you for your support in making the Academy safer for everyone and saving money which can be used on children's education.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Tarrant  
Noel-Baker Academy





## Safeguarding – Key Signs of Exploitation in Children:

### Signs of criminal exploitation

There are some signs to look out for if you're worried a child or young person has joined a gang, or is being criminally exploited. It might be hard to spot at first, but the sooner you're able to talk to the young person the more you'll be able to help them.

#### Signs you may notice:

- Frequently absent from and doing badly in school.
- Going missing from home, staying out late and travelling for unexplained reasons.
- In a relationship or hanging out with someone older than them.
- Being angry, aggressive or violent.
- Being isolated or withdrawn.
- Having unexplained money and buying new things.
- Wearing clothes or accessories in gang colours or getting tattoos.
- Using new slang words.
- Spending more time on social media and being secretive about time online.
- Making more calls or sending more texts, possibly on a new phone or phones.
- Self-harming and feeling emotionally unwell. (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/self-harm/> )
- Taking drugs and abusing alcohol. (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/talking-drugs-alcohol/> )
- Committing petty crimes like shop lifting or vandalism.
- Unexplained injuries and refusing to seek medical help.
- Carrying weapons or having a dangerous breed of dog



## Safeguarding – Key Signs of Exploitation in Children (cont....):

### Signs of child sexual exploitation

Sexual exploitation can be difficult to spot and sometimes mistaken for "normal" teenage behaviour. Knowing the signs can help protect children and help them when they've no one else to turn to.

#### Signs of sexual abuse and grooming

- Unhealthy or inappropriate sexual behaviour (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/sex-relationships/sexual-behaviour-children/> )
- Being frightened of some people, places or situations.
- Being secretive.
- Sharp changes in mood or character.
- Having money or things they can't or won't explain.
- Physical signs of abuse, like bruises or bleeding in their genital or anal area.
- Alcohol or drug misuse.( <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/alcohol-drugs-parenting/> )
- Sexually transmitted infections.
- Pregnancy.

#### Other things you might notice

- Having an older boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Staying out late or overnight.
- Having a new group of friends.
- Missing from home or care, or stopping going to school or college.