

Message from the Headteacher:

In line with the relaxing of government restrictions around CV-19 preventative measures please make sure that you read through the up-dated CV-19 guidance below.

Over the course of the past week we have experienced a high number of students suffering from symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea – please make sure that you have read the letter sent to all parents on Friday 7th May regarding this. If your child is displaying any of the symptoms outlined in the letter they must not attend school until 48 hours after they have last displayed symptoms and should access the remote learning provided on the school website. It is important that we reduce the transmission of this virus, which whilst mild is very infectious. If you have any questions or queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact us at enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

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

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/ CORONAVIRUS](https://nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

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 coverings

In line with the government roadmap face coverings will no longer be compulsory in classrooms in the academy as of 17th May. However students and staff will still be required to wear a face mask when moving around the academy site and along school corridors.

PLEASE NOTE – YEAR 11 will be required to wear masks in the exam hall. This is to minimise any possible risk to students that could negatively impact on their final assessments.

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.

Visitors to site

Government guidance regarding visitors to site has not changed. **Parents must not arrive to site without a pre-arranged appointment** authorised by a senior member staff. Any parents who do so **will be asked to leave the academy site** in line with CV-19 restrictions and the academy risk assessment.

Year 7:

Form of the fortnight: Congratulations to 7E who currently the highest attendance in the year group. Good attendance to school means that we are taking advantage of every opportunity to learn new knowledge, and to embed knowledge in our long-term memories. Well done, 7E!

Star of the fortnight: Congratulations to Sophie G in 7A – her consistent effort and enthusiasm means she is making wonderful progress.

Year 8:

Form of the fortnight: 8A and Miss Lord, Fantastic enthusiasm towards work and giving a very warm welcome to our new starter!

Stars of the fortnight: Jack L in 8A – for helping our new starter settle in and showing him around! Charlie M in 8B – for always having a lovely smile on her face, and an amazing attitude towards staff!

Year 9:

Form of the fortnight: 9E - for having the most overall positive points for this fortnight. Well done!

Stars of the fortnight: Lilly A, Pavel K and Tegan G for the most positive points. Well done and keep it up.

Year 10:

Form of the fortnight: 10O for having the most reward points (3644).

Stars of the fortnight: Hannah F and Libby D for being the students with the most amount of reward points.

Year 11:

Form of the fortnight: 11N for having the most reward points.

Star of the fortnight: Caitlin-Alex S and Jade S for being the students with the most amount of reward points.

ACE Centre:

Star of the fortnight: Angel H - Year 11, for her outstanding behaviour and excellent attitude since joining ACE. All the best in your exams

Behaviour:

Please remember that students **MUST NOT** ride their bikes on school grounds under any circumstances, and that the wearing of a bike helmet whilst riding their bike to and from school is compulsory.

Please try and drill into your children that they must be careful and ride sensibly when out and about, as sometimes a car driver will not see them and an accident can happen. There have been a few 'near misses' which so far, have not resulted in serious injury, and we must all work together to ensure we prevent a more serious accident.

PSHE:

Thoughts for the weeks ahead:

W/C 17 05 2021: "Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." *Marie Curie, Physicist.*

W/C 24 05 2021: "The important thing is to never stop questioning." *Albert Einstein, Theoretical Physicist.*

Assemblies:

W/C 17 05 2021: Individual Liberty – personal development. Spiritual – enjoy reflecting about ones-self.

W/C 24 05 2021: Respect and tolerance – respect diversity. Cultural – understand, accept, respect and celebrate diversity.

Facilities Management:

You may have noticed some unusual activity on your child's School Gateway catering account. The company who provide the service, School Comms, experienced problems affecting over 100 schools, with ghost credits being made to some accounts. They have informed us the problem has now been corrected, and that parents and carers should continue to use the service as normal. Thank you for your patience with this issue in the last week.

Quality of Education:

Does your child read regularly at home, either independently or with a family member? Research tells us that reading regularly has a significant and positive impact on the acquisition of vocabulary and knowledge, as well as being beneficial for our mental health and wellbeing, and if undertaken just before bedtime, it can even improve our quality of sleep. Students in all years are encouraged to take advantage of our 'Click and Drop' Library service, which allows them to continue to borrow books whilst we are in our bubbles. We also have a range of short audio stories available to listen to in our 'Online Library'. These resources can be accessed here - <https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/nba-online-library-2/>.

Attendance Matters:

Medical appointments and enquiries during school day – if you wish to report an absence or illness, please contact attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk. If you have an enquiry, please use enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk. Please do not message the Messenger feature on the Facebook page, which is not regularly checked.

First Aid:

We have a large team of trained first aiders, but could you please support us by explaining to your child that first aid is something that requires immediate attention, ie. for an occurrence that has happened in school, such as a cut, graze or accidental injury of some kind. Headaches, painful limbs, feeling sick or something that has happened at the weekend is not deemed to be first aid. We cannot administer medical aid or give out painkillers. If a student is feeling unwell or sick, then a member of our on-call staff will be called, who will make an assessment and phone home if they consider your child needs to be sent home.

Safeguarding:

MeeToo App

The MeeToo App for iOS and Android is a new app supported by the NHS that is about supporting children when they need to talk.

MeeToo is a multi-award winning, free, anonymous app where young people can talk about difficult things. Built on research showing the positive impact of peer support for mental health, MeeToo provides a safe, pre-moderated (by humans) space for young people aged 11+ to experiment with opening up about whatever may be on their mind.

Posts can be responded to by other users, as well as a team of trained university psychology students and MeeToo counsellors who help to guide discussions and ensure that no post goes unanswered.

Moderators check every post and reply before they go live to ensure the safety and anonymity of our users, and our counsellors uphold a sophisticated system for monitoring and tracking potential safeguarding risks.

MeeToo supports over 6,000 young people each month. It is featured on the NHS Apps Library and promoted by more than 1,000 schools in the UK.

You can easily see how MeToo works by putting the following link into your browser: <https://www.meetoo.help/how-meetoo-works>

For more information and to request engagement materials please contact info@meetoo.help or visit www.meetoo.help

Future Dates for your Diary:

Break up for half term – Friday 28th May 2021