



26 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Our students have responded incredibly well to all that has been asked of them so far this academic year both in lessons and in social time and we are incredibly proud of them.

We now share with you our pastoral focus for the remainder of this academic year as we return to school after an enforced break due to the national lockdown. As we continue to drive our culture of high expectations, please talk these points through with your child to reinforce our conversations in school on their return.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is incredibly important that your child is in school on time every day so that they receive quality instruction from their teachers. Those who are consistently late will have consequences issued.

Attitude to Learning

It is vital that students are ready to learn when they arrive at their lessons. They must get themselves organised so that they bring with them all the correct equipment and books for the day ahead. The equipment your child requires for his/her lessons is listed [here](#). We ask that parents make sure their child is properly prepared for their lessons for the return to school.

Your child's timetable is available on Go4schools. Please make sure your child checks this each day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive behaviour expectations continue to be a key focus for us at NOA. Disruption free learning is key to ensure that all students can strive for the very best outcomes. Disruption in any form will not be tolerated at the academy. It is key that students return to school ready to work hard in a disruption free environment.

We ask parents to remind their child about their conduct on the way to and from school too. As an ambassador for NOA, we expect your child's behaviour to reflect our high expectations.

School Uniform

Students are expected back at school in full uniform every day. They should bring their PE kit to school with them on the days that they have PE.

We remind parents of our uniform expectations [here](#) and [these are also provided in detail below so that our expectations are clear](#).



Please make sure your child arrives at school in correct uniform with their face mask (unless exempt).

It is important for you to note that hoodies are NOT permitted to be worn at all in school or on school grounds either as outdoor coats or worn under blazers in place of a jumper. Please ensure that your child has a water-proof coat that can be worn over their blazer.

Also, black trainers are NOT permitted as school shoes.

We also ask you to support us by ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the cooler weather. We strongly encourage your child to wear layers of clothing such as a plain white vest/t-shirt under their school shirt, jumper and blazer and that they have a warm, waterproof coat for their journey to and from school.



Boys:

- Navy blue academy blazer with the North Oxfordshire Academy badge
- Blazer sleeves must be worn rolled down
- A light blue long or short sleeved shirt suitable for a tie
- Plain navy tailored trousers (ankle length)
- The academy grey jumper (optional in cold weather)
- Belts must be plain black or navy with no big buckles or logos
- Tie - each house has a different coloured stripe which enables staff to recognise which house each student belongs to

Girls:

- Navy blue academy blazer with the North Oxfordshire Academy badge
- House identity strip above academy badge which must be ironed or sewn on at home
- Blazer sleeves must be worn rolled down
- A light blue revere collar shirt with no visible undergarments i.e. long sleeve t-shirt etc..
- Plain knee length navy skirt with North Oxfordshire Academy logo at waistband which must be visible at all times
- The academy grey jumper (optional in cold weather)
- Headscarf – plain black or navy
- Blue, Black or natural coloured tights/socks. No leggings or patterned tights allowed.

Footwear (Boys and Girls)

- Footwear must be black and flat; plain, polishable shoes (no boots, no black trainers). There should be no canvas, suede, logos, stripes or patterns on footwear. Black leather trainers/pumps including Vans are **not permitted**.



Examples of appropriate footwear for boys.

Black Leather polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/slip on.



Boots are not permitted

Examples of appropriate footwear for girls.

Black leather polishable shoes with black soles and black laces/slip on.



Boots are not permitted

Black leather trainers like the ones below are **NOT** permitted



PE Lessons

From now on, students will be changing as normal for PE lessons. They will need to bring in their kit with them on the days when they have a lesson as lockers are not currently in use. Please see below the correct PE kit which we expect to be worn for every PE lesson. Missing items can be purchased from Cross Embroidery. Students who have missing items for PE will receive a consequence according to our academy policy.



Boys:

- Rugby shirt – navy with sky blue
- Polo shirt – sky blue
- NOA hooded sweatshirt – navy (No non NOA hoodies are allowed)
- Shorts – navy
- Tracksuit bottoms (navy)
- Socks – navy/sky blue hoops
- Footwear – trainers/football boots



Girls:

- Polo Shirt – sky blue
- NOA hooded sweatshirt – navy (No non NOA hoodies are allowed)
- Shorts/skorts – navy
- Tracksuit bottoms (navy)
- Socks – navy/sky blue hoops
- Footwear – trainers

When we return to school on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 March, staff will be at the gates each day to welcome students. They have been asked to challenge any students who are not in correct uniform and/or do not have the correct equipment. We are sure that we can count on your support in making sure your child returns to school ready to re-start their learning in the classroom.



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The welfare of our students is incredibly important to us. Therefore, if you would like to bring anything to our attention, please contact your child's tutor or Pastoral Leader as the first port of call.

Inset Day

You will see from the calendar that we had planned to hold a training day on Friday 12 March. This has now been moved to Friday 5 March. Consequently, there will be no lessons on this day for students. They will now be required to attend school on Friday 12 March as normal.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on the day after their test for Covid-19:

Tuesday 9 March (Years 10-13)

Wednesday 10 March (Years 7-9)

Yours sincerely

Alison Merrills
Principal

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