



## Joseph Leckie Academy

22nd March 2021

### End of Spring Term and Start of Summer Term

Dear Parents

Thank you for all the support you have given in consenting to Lateral Flow Testing and to the support for the revised protocols. Students have returned in a mature and sensible manner and ready for learning following the phased return. Over the past two weeks and the remaining time until the Easter break they will be consolidating what they have learnt during lockdown as well as completing assessments to identify where the gaps are and set them targets to work on.

The Spring term will finish at the **end of the normal school day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Please can I remind you we have a teacher training day on 1<sup>st</sup> April so students will not be in school that day.

There may be some revision days over the Easter holidays but teachers who are running these will inform parents if your child is involved in these. In the meantime, students may well be given revision and other activities to do over the holidays to support them and help them to catch up where necessary.

**The Academy will re-open at the normal time – 8.30 am on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

May I take this opportunity to ask you to continue to support the following with your child by ensuring that he / she:

- Continues to complete LFT twice weekly (Sundays and Wednesdays) where you have consented, in order to help tackle this pandemic and identify anyone who is asymptomatic and record this with the NHS and via the Academy link.
- Has full uniform and is smartly dressed. This means ties on correctly with 2 stripes and logo showing, top button fastened and shirts tucked in to trousers or skirts. Please see attached uniform poster. **Make up should be minimal. Uniform now includes wearing the relevant identity pass at all times.**
- It is essential that all students follow the Covid protocols which means: they must come through the correct entrance for their year; masks **MUST** be worn at all times in all indoor communal areas and classrooms. They should also walk on the left and abide by social distancing. It is essential that they stay in their year group zones at break and lunchtimes.
- Please ensure you are aware of the Covid Protocols for your child and the latest advice for parents on how to get tested if you or your child develops any symptoms. **Please can I remind you if your child tests positive during the holidays you must still inform us via the post box and include the date of their result and when their symptoms started.** Someone will be in touch with you before they return to the Academy to ensure they are off for the correct time and carry out any Track and Trace needed. Information is available on the website.
- Please can you remind your child of the importance of regular hand washing/sanitizing and the importance of social distancing from students who are not in their family bubbles.

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- Is on time for all morning tutorial periods. This means students being in their tutor rooms by 8.35am.
- Has essential equipment for all lessons. This means having a pen, pencil, ruler as well as relevant books. For PE lessons students must have the correct kit, as specified in the uniform list. All students should have a suitable bag in which to keep their books, planner, stationery items and PE kit / other items such as ingredients for food technology lessons in order to be ready to learn in lessons for each day.
- **May I also remind you that leather jackets, hooded tops and sportswear are not appropriate and should not be worn to school?** What should be worn is a proper waterproof, dark coloured, outdoor coat for protection and warmth as needed. However, we are all hoping to have some warmer weather in the summer term!

Please would you ensure that your child does not have an extreme haircut or bright unnatural coloured hair, this includes patterns or tram-lines (including eyebrows). Any student who fails to follow this policy (as agreed by the Governing Board), may be taught in isolation or sent home.

Following the letter from the Chair of Governors to you all on 10<sup>th</sup> February, I would also like welcome **Mr James Ludlow who will be taking up the position of Principal with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> April.** He has said he is excited by the new role and looking forward to this new challenge in leading the Academy.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support during the past twelve months. It has certainly been a challenging time, leading the Academy and supporting all our students, staff and parents during this pandemic due to the loss of Mr Keith Whittlestone, Principal, almost a year ago. However, I have been very well supported by a fantastic team of staff. Together we have led the Academy during this turbulent time to support all of our students, staff and community. I would like to reassure you that I am not leaving the Academy, but will return to my position as Vice Principal and continue to serve the Academy, as I have done so for many years.

**In memory of Mr Whittlestone, the bells at St Gabriel's Church will ring at 2.50 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and we will also have 2 minutes of silent reflection in form time on Friday.**

I hope you and your families will have a peaceful and relaxing Easter holiday. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully



Rachel Cook

Acting Principal