



## Principal's Newsletter Spring Term 1 – February 2021

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support during this half-term. It certainly wasn't the start to the New Year that we had all hoped for, but as always, we have coped with the many changes and the challenges they bring, together.



### Half-Term

I just wanted to confirm, in-line with government guidance, that the Academy will be closed to all pupils over half-term. We will re-open to children in nursery; children classed as vulnerable and children of critical workers on **Monday 22 February 2021**. Please note, the procedures will continue exactly as they are at the moment, until further notice.

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has stated that he wishes schools to fully-reopen on Monday 8 March 2021, at the earliest. We will react to this and inform you, as soon as we know more.

### Children entitled to Free School Meals

Parents of children entitled to free school meals should have received an email from the Academy, regarding the provision in place over half-term.

### Remote Learning



We have been incredibly impressed with all of your efforts to engage with our remote learning. At the end of last week, 91% of children had either been in school or engaging remotely for a significant proportion of the week. Our staff are now delivering a wide range of live sessions every day, many of whom are doing so whilst also teaching children in the classroom. Can I thank the children and their families for working closely with us on this – it has been a steep learning curve for everyone and I am very pleased with the results we have seen.

I would like to acknowledge the effort of the staff who have worked tremendously hard to plan, resource and deliver live lessons; recorded lessons; and general work, alongside teaching the children in school.



## Celebrating Success



In order to celebrate the excellent work we are seeing from the children, as well as trying to re-establish the 'community-feel' during lockdown, we will now be posting news and information on our new Facebook and Twitter pages. If any parent or family member use such outlets, you might want to follow us, so you can see the types of activities the children are completing in school and remotely.

## Safeguarding

Can I just remind you to contact either Miss Waring, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Scott, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at the Academy, if you have any concerns or queries, regarding any safeguarding matters, including any related to remote learning.

## Staffing

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Miss Smith who is expecting her first child and is now starting her maternity leave. Indus will be taught for the remainder of the year by Mrs Stephenson, with whom all of the children are very familiar with.



Finally, can I wish you all a very happy and safe half-term holiday. I know the children will welcome a break and I am sure that many of you will too!

Mrs R Scott  
Principal