

20 November 2020

TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Even with the continued difficulties posed by the pandemic it is wonderful to see so many exciting and engaging lessons and learners who are keen to be fully involved with their learning and supporting others. It is especially pleasing to witness a high standard of behaviour and the warmth of relationships between staff and learners. Staff are determined to ensure learners continue to succeed despite the challenges of COVID-19 and I hope you agree they are going above and beyond to ensure provision is in place for our learners who are isolating.

Attendance is superb and is consistently higher than the average for Staffordshire. However, I know that the term so far has not always been easy with a number of learners isolating. Whilst not unexpected, this can be difficult and unsettling and I cannot thank you enough for your support in keeping the academy safe and open. The strategy of sending learners who feel unwell home and parents/carers keeping learners off school to have a test if they feel in any way unwell, has prevented the rapid escalation of COVID-19 within the community. All classes now have fixed seating plans and these are crucial for identifying close contacts who need to isolate in order to keep you and your family safe. Your encouragement to your son/daughter to sit in the correct seat, both in class and on the bus, is much appreciated. We will continue to liaise closely with all the relevant authorities when we have confirmed cases.

On a lighter note, we will be launching a virtual talent competition next week and the inter-house sports events will take place over the next few weeks. Please encourage your son/daughter to take part.

Please note that we have made a change to the early departure scheduled for Friday, 27 November 2020 due to our Open Day now being virtual; lessons on that day will therefore finish as normal at 3:30 pm. Please refer to our website for details of planned early finishes/staff training days for the remainder of this academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and feedback, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk
Principal