

11 March 2021

TO ALL Y9, Y10 AND Y11 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your tremendous support with helping us to re-open safely for all learners. It has been wonderful to welcome learners back this week. Every learner without exception is involved in the lateral flow programme and we have now tested all year groups. Our learners have been truly amazing and have taken the testing process in their stride. It is hugely reassuring that there were only two positive cases within the community and that we were able to detect these and prevent the risk of transmission. We have already been in touch with the parents/carers of learners identified as being in contact with the individuals concerned. It is important to remain vigilant and I thank parents/carers for stressing the importance of adhering to the government lockdown rules regarding meeting up with others outside of your household.

The testing programme will continue next week and learners will have two more tests in the academy. Packs of home tests with full instructions will be issued next week and learners will be asked to continue testing twice a week under your supervision.

To ensure the academy's rooms are well ventilated, the windows in classrooms may be open at times during the day. Whilst it is still cool, learners will be able to wear a plain (without large logos/text) grey, black or blue jumper under their blazers. **Coats and hoodies (including academy hoodies) will not be permitted to be worn in the building** and if a learner is concerned about being cold, we advise they wear a plain white t-shirt (again without large logos/text) under their shirt in addition to the jumper. I thank parents/carers in advance for their support with this.

I am aware that a lot of my correspondence has focussed on the pandemic and safety. I also wish to reassure you that we are busy planning for an exciting summer term with opportunities for learners to experience more of what 'normal' JCB Academy life is about, with activities which link to the world of engineering and business. I will share these plans with you once the timings are more definite.

I am extremely grateful to all parents/carers for all your support with keeping the academy learners and staff safe and I am looking forward to having everyone back full-time next week.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk
Principal