

29th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Easter Update

I am writing to you to outline a few things in relation to the Easter break, including responses to the Government's guidance around Covid-19. A letter to school-aged students from the Government can be found [here](#).

Easter holidays:

The Academy will be closed to all students for the duration of the Easter holidays. As such, the last day at the Academy is Wednesday 31st March (as Thursday 1st April is an INSET day), with all students returning on Monday 19th April. It is imperative, however, that you log any positive LFD test results over this period in order to allow us to track and trace close contacts.

Testing:

This week we will provide further test kits for students to use over Easter. The Government asks that secondary school students continue to test twice per week:

- We will provide test kits to each student:
 - Students should complete two tests per week, ideally on a Sunday and a Wednesday, at home.
 - These tests take 5 minutes to do, and a further 30 minutes for the results to appear.
 - Results of each test must be logged by clicking [here](#) and using the NHS Test & Trace self-report website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>):
 - If your child's test result is negative then they are free to attend the Academy after the Easter break.
 - If your child's result is positive then you must call the Academy immediately on 01522 871400, **and**:
 - They, as well as everyone else in the household, must self-isolate for 10 days from the LFD result.
 - They should order and take a PCR test, which can be ordered online (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) or by calling 119 – if this comes back negative then they can return to their usual activities, if it comes back positive then they and the household will need to complete the self-isolation period.
- The kits provided are for our students – anyone else sharing the household with a school-aged student can access LFDs by ordering them [here](#).

Free School Meals:

The Government is providing Free School Meals over the Easter holidays. Those eligible for these will receive a text message containing a link to a £35 voucher for each eligible child.

In addition, we have also set up a Community Food Bank initiative, receiving donations from the Parish and wider community to support families in need during the pandemic. If you would like to receive a package from our Food Bank, with no questions asked, then please contact the Academy reception and ask to speak to Mr Woodgate.

Return to school:

I would like to take the opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to you for your ongoing support upon the full re-opening of the Academy since the beginning of March. There have been some logistical challenges for school leaders to overcome, but the flexibility of staff, students and yourselves has made the transition back to face-to-face education a really smooth one.

Upon our return after the Easter break, it would be appreciated if you could continue to support us with the following:

- **Attendance** – all students should attend the Academy each school day, unless they are unwell, have symptoms of Covid or are self-isolating. Excellent attendance is vitally important to allow us to identify students' gaps in knowledge and address these in face-to-face lessons.
If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please contact us on 01522 699750 or absences@sspp.lincs.sch.uk each day to let us know.
- **Punctuality** – the start of the day is 8:40am. As such, all students should be in their Tutor rooms at this time, ready for their first registration of the day.
- **Uniform** – whilst we understand the difficulties in accessing items of uniform over the lockdown period, we would ask that students attend in full school uniform each day. This includes school shoes and a blazer; a hooded top underneath the blazer is not acceptable for wearing around the site, and students will be challenged about this – a school jumper can be worn instead. While it is cold and there is increased ventilation with windows open, students are able to wear additional layers over the top of their blazer should they wish. Full details of the Academy uniform policy, including our expectations around footwear and jewellery, can be found on our [website](#).

If you have any questions relating to any of the above information then please contact us by email on sspp@sspp.lincs.sch.uk or phone on 01522 871400.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Turton
Acting Headteacher