



MacIntyre Academies  
Quest Academy

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and for ensuring that you are following Public Health England's guidelines regarding self-isolation.

I appreciate that this is a challenging time for everyone and so I would like to reassure you that whilst we remain open we are following Public Health England's guidance on safety measures regarding COVID-19.

This week we have changed some of our working day practices:

- Staff have been asked to leave the building at 4pm so that our cleaners are able to deep clean the school every night.
- To reduce the number of learners in an area assemblies have been cancelled and learners are eating their lunch in their classrooms
- We have cancelled meetings, Parent's Afternoon, Thursday Club, Trips and our end of term celebrations.
- Visitors are no longer allowed on the site.

I know that for many of our families Quest is more than a place to learn - it is a place where children are safe, supported and have access to a range of resources, including breakfast and lunch. We are currently looking at how we can work in different ways to ensure that we continue to support you.

### **Learners at home who are self-isolating but well enough to complete work**

Class teams and specialist subject staff have produced a list of working at home resources which will be accessible from the website. In addition there are home learning activities and cross curricular themed challenges for learners to complete.

Learners can also access on line learning via Manga High Maths, Bug Club (lower school) Lexia and Accelerated reader and BKSB (some learners in Upper School). You will receive an e-mail from your child's class teacher to remind you about your child's login and passwords.

### **Closure of the School**

Staff have been creating additional learning and well-being booklets for learners to complete at home.

**We are currently updating and uploading information to our website and will send a further letter out tomorrow about how to access the different resources. In the meantime learners can access home learning activities at:**

<https://www.thequestacademy.org/homelearning>

## **Communication**

Class teachers have been asked to make contact with families by phone once a week and to send updates via e-mail. If you need further support please contact a member of the Leadership team or our Family Footings Team via e-mail and they will contact you.

If you do not receive a response from your class teacher please let a member of the leadership team know as it might be they are unwell and therefore not accessing e-mails.

We will also try to continue to produce our newsletters so if you are happy to share your child's work with their teacher then we can add this to the newsletter.

## **Meetings**

Our SENCO will be contacting families of children who were due to have an EHCP review this half term. If families are happy for the review to go ahead via Skype, conference call or WhatsApp we are happy to facilitate this.

Our Family Footings Team will also support families who were either just about to start the Early Help Process (EHA) or already have an EHA or Child in Need support package.

## **Parents Afternoon**

As we have had to cancel Parents Evening, Class teachers will contact you and talk to you about your child's progress this term.

## **Families who meet the criteria for Free School Meals**

To support families who qualify for Free School Meals we will be purchasing TESCO vouchers for you to use and will send these to you. If you do not have a TESCO near you please contact our Business Manager Victoria Scranage - [Victoria.Scranage@macintyreacademies.org](mailto:Victoria.Scranage@macintyreacademies.org)

Kind regards



**Nicola Wells - Principal**