



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

As many of you will be aware in response to the Pandemic in March 2020 we developed a set of principles to guide us with our decision making:

- The safety and wellbeing of all is paramount
- We will be flexible and respond to changing circumstances
- We will maintain the integrity of the educational experience while following a Recovery Curriculum
- We will assure the quality of our education offer

The full document can be found on our website:

<https://www.thequestacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=1245&type=pdf>

I believe that these guiding principles have significantly supported our very detailed risk assessment which we have adapted and communicated to you when changes were necessary.

I am proud that as a school we were able to remain open full time for all learners and that all learner's education during the Autumn Term was similar to life before COVID (Pre March 2020).

In light of staff absence and new information received last night and today we have reviewed the school's risk assessment (version 8) this morning. I have also sought guidance from the Trust and other professional bodies.

For the next two weeks, in order to reduce the risks for both staff and learners, a decision has been made to reduce class sizes. The size of each class will be dependent on the size of the classroom and the level of support required by staff. Please note that learners will remain in the same class as they are now and not be placed in a different bubble.

This will mean that the vast majority of learners will need to access some of their learning remotely. Currently we can accommodate all learners in school for at least two days a week. We will continue to review our risk assessment and inform you of any changes that may need to be made.

In line with Government and Local Authority guidance we have reviewed each child's risk assessment and considered personal circumstances of families, for example, some learner's parents/carers are key workers and so they may need to be in school full time.

You will be sent separate information about your child's offer over the next two weeks by the end of the school day as well as more detail as to how we will support you and your family during this time.

The Family Footings Team will also contact transport to let them know which days learners will be in school. If you decide that you would prefer to bring your child to school over the next few weeks please can you contact the family Footings team and transport.



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We are updating our Home Learning contingency plans and you will find initial resources for tomorrow to support home learning by clicking on your child's class via the school website.

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

Victoria Scranage, Quest's Business Manager, will also be sending out more information about the Government's initiative for school to facilitate the lateral flow tests for learners and staff. Please be rest assured that no learner will be tested without your written consent and that testing will only start once all staff have received the relevant training. I can confirm that the tests arrived this morning.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please feel free to contact myself, members of the Senior Leadership Team or Family Footings Team.

Kind regards,

Nicola Wells

Principal, Quest Academy.



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