



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support at these difficult and unprecedented times. As a school we are continuing to do everything we can to support you and your family.

I know that many of you are following Government and DfE guidelines on self-isolation and are already keeping your children at home. It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children. However the government have told us that: - the fewer children making their way to school and thereby the fewer children in educational settings will provide the key to lowering the risk of the virus spreading and infecting vulnerable individuals in wider society. This is why mainstream schools have closed and special schools remain open, because young people with EHCPs are considered to be most vulnerable from non-attendance. Please click on the link below for further guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

To support learners who are attending school, our speech and language therapist has written a social story to help prepare them for the changes that will inevitably happen. This includes food options at lunchtime, staffing, timetables and change of learners. However, as will be included in the social story, other aspects of school life will remain the same. These include, timings of the day (these remain subject to change), wearing school uniform, handing their electronic devices in at the start of the day and use of our reward system and scripts.

We are encouraging children to behave in a safe way in terms of social distancing and personal hygiene. I know that you will support us with this as it is vital for keeping the whole school community safe from COVID19.

The local authority are supporting schools who are open to ensure that food is available for learners on site. However, you may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch on Monday.

I also need to make you aware that on **Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March** we may not have access to the internet. This information has not been included in the social story.

Over time more of our staff may need to self-isolate. When this happens we may have to revert to part time timetables for learners whose parents/carers are not key workers. In preparation for this please could you complete the reply slip below letting us know which days you might be able to look after your child at home.

We are working with the local authority by sending them an overview every day of the number of staff and learners we have in school each day. With the information provided they will then as time passes and the situation evolves, we will be scaling down the number of schools open and the transport network. As this begins to take place, we will be communicating which schools will remain open as the number of settings reduces. As time goes on it will be likely that many children who are eligible to attend will be at a different location than their usual school.

We have updated our website so that those learners at home have access to their work. The website has been organised into learners' classes. There are also other tasks such as themed curricular challenges for them to complete. Please visit: <https://www.thequestacademy.org/homelearning>.

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Staff teams have/ will be sending out e-mails to all families providing information about your child's usernames and passwords giving them access to the different on- line programmes. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are having problems accessing any of the programmes. Just in case your child's class teacher is not in work due to being ill please can you copy in the office team at: Quest Office quest.office@macintyreacademies.org

To support you further at home we have produced a home learning timetable (found in the "learning" section on our website) which you may find useful. You may also find it beneficial to adopt our reward system and use of scripts at home. Information about these can be found in our behaviour policy on the website under "Essential Information."

I am determined to try and continue to send our newsletter out and will look to increase the frequency. To continue to celebrate our learners I would appreciate it if you could send photos of your children's work, book reviews, write ups about their hobbies and pets, favourite film reviews etc. to the school office which we can combine into our newsletter.

We are also producing a wellbeing booklet for families which will be added to our website in the community section on completion.

Kind regards

Nicola

Please tick the dates you would be able to look after your child.

Name of Child _____

Monday 23rd March

Monday 30th March

Tuesday 24th March

Tuesday 31st March

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 26th March

Thursday 2nd April

Friday 27th March

Friday 3rd April

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