

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure the Academy community keeps safe and calm.

We would like to reassure you that at Quest Academy we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Warwickshire County Council.

What's the current situation?

- > Quest Academy **remains open** this is the current official guidance we've been given
- All academy functions continue to run as normal including the breakfast club and Thursday after-school club
- Leaners should attend unless they feel unwell if your child has either of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 7 days:
 - > a new, continuous cough and/or
 - > a temperature
- > We have asked that no one enters the academy if they are presenting with these symptoms
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling the academy on 01788 593 112
- > We have had to make the decision to cancel school trips and will only have off-site activities in open spaces such as parks, forests etc.
- > Exams are still scheduled to run on the same dates

What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- > We will ask you to collect your child if they present with a high temperature or have a persistent cough
- > We had a deep clean last week and ever since only used disposable cloths and mop heads
- > We are encouraging regular hand-washing and providing hand sanitisers where necessary
- > We are discussing the importance of hygiene and how to deal with anxiety in lessons and assemblies

What we need you to do

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via <u>quest.office@macintyreacademies.org</u> or 01788 593 112
- Talk to your children about the Coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. <u>BBC Newsround</u> has regular updates
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

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What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we will:

- Alert you via a text message and post updates on your website we will use the same communication channels to inform you when we reopen
- > We have already started planning work for your children. Please can you complete the form below to help us plan for this home work

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- > Academy office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- <u>NHS</u>, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use <u>NHS 111 online</u> if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to Coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's <u>travel advice</u>, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you are taking abroad should go ahead

We know you are worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Victoria Scranage - Business Manager

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Home Working Information - Please return to the office ASAP

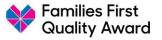
Your child's name.....

Would your child have access to a computer at home	YES	NO

Would your child have access to the internet at home YES NO

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