



Whitefield

Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well and had an enjoyable and restful half term.

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all schools can fully re-open on 8th March. Whilst our schools have remained open to the majority of pupils throughout the Lockdown, some pupils have remained at home and have accessed our remote learning provision. School leaders will be in touch shortly to confirm arrangements for those pupils who are yet to return so that all pupils are back in school by 8th March.

As always, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and, as such, the fantastic teams at Whitefield and Joseph Clarke Schools are working hard to ensure a safe full re-opening. We will continue to work with Public Health and the Local Authority and will follow all the necessary social distancing and hygiene measures across our schools. Pleasingly, we are seeing cases falling within the London Borough of Waltham Forest; there are fewer than 85 cases per 100,000 of the population. The majority of our staff have now received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and we will continue to facilitate testing for staff.

If you have any questions about any of the safety measures in place, please contact our Family Support Teams:

- Sarah Bent on 07871 778 470 or sarah.bent@josephclarke.waltham.sch.uk for Joseph Clarke School or
- Stephanie Earle on 020 8498 4230 or s.earle@whitefield.waltham.sch.uk for Whitefield Schools - Margaret Brearley School, Peter Turner Primary and Niels Chapman Secondary School

Our full Covid-19 policy and the latest government advice is available on our website: www.whitefield.org.uk.

We are in the process of redesigning our website and hope to relaunch that in coming months. The aim is to make sure the information we share is always useful and easily accessible to all our families, pupils and partners.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools during these extraordinary times. Maintaining strong partnerships with our pupils' families has never been more important and we greatly value the feedback we have received from parents. If you have any further comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact your Family Support Team.

Yours sincerely,

Kirstie Fulthorpe
Chief Executive Officer