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# Joseph Clarke School

A member of  
Whitefield Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well and had a pleasant half term.

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced that all pupils will be returning to school on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to Joseph Clarke School, and as always, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

We want to reassure you that we will continue to follow the government guidelines and the ongoing array of health and safety measures we already have in place, to effectively manage any risks that may remain.

In line with the advice from public health, if your child is unable to attend because they are Clinically extremely vulnerable, self-isolating, have had symptoms, a positive test result or because they have been in contact with someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19), the school will continue to provide remote education using Google Classroom. Joseph Clarke School will, in line with public health guidance, manage any confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) reported. We will continue to ensure good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, minimise and maintain distance as much as possible.

We ask that you continue to support our school by ensuring if your child has/shows symptoms, or shares a house with someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19), they not attend school and that you inform us of their test result as soon as possible.

We have introduced a voluntary testing programme for our secondary pupils and although our school staff are on hand to assist and support, they will not be able to physically intervene. However, to help them feel more comfortable, we are offering pupils the option to self-test at home.

In preparation of the pupils return, we want to support all our pupils and their families with this transition, as we can appreciate that they may feel anxious about returning to a 'normal' school day. If you believe your child would benefit from a staggered return to school, please contact us and we are happy to discuss this with you.

We would like to take this opportunity to also celebrate the wonderful work that has been going on at home for our pupils who have not been able to return to school. It has been lovely to see so many pupils logging on to online lessons and the standard of work that has been sent back to school is very high.

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact our Family Support officer Sarah Bent on, 020 8523 4833, 07871 778 470 or [sarah.bent@josephclarke.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.bent@josephclarke.waltham.sch.uk) to discuss.

Yours Sincerely,

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