



# Whitefield

Academy Trust

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first week back, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I know that the festive period looked very different for many of us but I hope you were able to enjoy a restful break.

As you're aware, on Monday the government announced a national lockdown to control the spread of Covid-19 whilst the vaccine is rolled-out. As always, our top priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We will continue to work with the latest guidance and work with Public Health to follow all the necessary social distancing and cleaning measures across our schools. Due to the outstanding efforts of our team, we also successfully started our Covid-19 testing programme for staff this week.

We pride ourselves on delivering a personalised curriculum for every pupil based on their individual needs, interests and abilities. Our teachers and support staff are working incredibly hard to continue to deliver this bespoke provision. It is important to us that your child is engaged in and enjoying their learning, whether that's in the classroom or, where appropriate, through learning at home. In addition to the conversations you are having with our teachers and family support teams, our school leaders will be in touch next week to find out if there is any further support or adjustment required to support your child. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will also receive your vouchers from us.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning and wellbeing, please do contact the relevant staff member as follows:

Whitefield Schools:	Steph Earle	07874 635725
	Lesley Middleton	07874 635728
Joseph Clarke School:	Sarah Bent	07871 778470

As always, thank you for your ongoing support during this time. It is with your help, as well as the support of our partners in the local authority, the NHS and social care, that we are able to continue delivering the very best education to our children and young people.

I look forward to what I hope will be another successful term at both Joseph Clarke and Whitefield Schools.

Yours sincerely,

Kirstie Fulthorpe  
Chief Executive Officer