



31st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

At the end of the Spring Term, I am pleased to report only 2 confirmed cases of Covid-19 since students returned on 8th March. Our control measures continue to prove effective, and I am grateful to families for supporting home testing which continues (see separate email sent today).

- Should home testing or on-site testing result in a positive LFD test, requires a confirmatory PCR test which should be booked immediately online or by calling 119. The individual who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#). If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the individual can return to school, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.
- Shielding advice is being paused nationally from 31 March. From 1 April, all CEV children should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care and have been advised by their GP or clinician not to attend. Children who live with someone who is CEV should continue to attend school as normal.
- Senior Leaders will be available for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities, until Wednesday 7th. If your child develops symptoms or has a positive test result within 2 days of them being at school, please inform us: enquiries@lincolncastleacademy.co.uk

The Summer Term

The term ends for all students this Thursday 1st April at 3pm. After the 2-week holiday, we look forward to moving all lessons into department areas, allowing students to follow their usual timetable accessing specialist resources and practical lessons. This includes the resumption of outdoor competitive sport between schools from 29th March.

Most existing control measures will continue including separate year group recreation zones, frequent hand washing and use of sanitiser, social distancing where possible and well-ventilated rooms. Current guidance requires students and staff to continue to wear masks inside academy buildings unless exempt, with further guidance expected during the holidays. We are not yet able to resume full use of our canteen but will continue to provide packed lunches for students eligible for free school meals.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our work this term. We look forward to a Summer Term, beginning for all students on Monday 19th April, in which we move even closer to normality!

I wish you all a restorative break with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Laming
Headteacher

Useful links: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#)