

INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST



FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are keeping well as we continue to provide a normal education for your children. It has been and continues to be incredibly difficult to manage the large volume of both absent staff and children as the omicron virus takes hold in the city.

Primary school children between the age of 5 to 9 are currently the highest infected group across the United Kingdom and we are certainly feeling the effect of this in our schools.

There are cases of either children and or staff in most classes across all 3 sites. Vaccinations for anyone aged 12 or above and testing remains the best form of defense against the virus along with our commitment to enhanced cleaning and regular handwashing.

If your child tests positive, please call the school office at each site or if it is at a weekend email the health address which is manned at all times by the leader on call. The email address and school telephone numbers are at the end of this newsletter.

We hope that absences begin to get better as we head towards half term and we thank you for helping us to stay open and provide face to face education for your children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Executive Head Teacher

Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Head Teacher

Miss Leanne Gallagher
Head of School



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TO RESTART

After school clubs and activities will restart after half term. You will receive a new clubs sheet towards the end of next week. Please re choose the clubs you wish your child to attend. Please make sure that your child's club does not clash with the National Tutoring session if your child has one.

The staff will then send you confirmation of which club your child has a place in before half term.

Please be mindful that we may have to cancel a club at very short notice if staff test positive for COVID and are unable to come to school.

THE CLUBS LIST FROM JANUARY 2022 WILL NOT BE USED SO PLEASE DO COMPLETE THE NEW FORM.

FOOD VOUCHERS DURING HALF TERM

ALL children eligible for Free School Meals will receive a £15 food voucher during half term. This will be delivered by WONDE (the company used at Christmas)

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE FRIDAY AS THE SYSTEM HAS TO UPDATE WITH YOUR NEW DETAILS ON AND THIS CAN TAKE A FEW DAYS.

Vouchers will be sent on Tuesday 15th February 2022

TERM TIME DATES

We shall close for half term on Thursday 17th February 2022.

Spring Term 2 will commence on Monday 28th February 2022

The academic year 2022 to 2023 is now on the website of each school.



A Polite Reminder

There are a small minority of parents/carers that think it is ok to shout and verbally abuse the staff teams both in person and over the telephone.

May we remind you that we are here to help and implement the government policies and procedures concerning education. We do not make the rules we have to follow them.

We do have a zero tolerance around such behaviour and will refer such behaviour to the board of directors who may take the decision to enforce a ban from the site.

We know that life can be very frustrating at the moment, it is for us too but please do not shout at us.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

UPDATE ON RESIDENTIAL VISITS

All visits are due to take place and as the world re opens after the pandemic it seems very likely that we will finally be able to take the children on these memorable and fun visits.

The date for the Ski visit has now been confirmed for departure on Sunday 20th March 2022

The date for the Paris visits are currently being finalized but it looks like we shall visit during May and June 2022

The Kingswood visit for participating Year 6 children is also confirmed for Monday 23rd May 2022

Condoover which all Year 2 children are able to take part in is also currently being finalized.

ALL VISTS ARE FULL FOR THIS YEAR BUT PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF NEXT YEARS VISITS.

To secure a place on a visit please contact the school office on the numbers below for more information. Please note that a secured place must be accompanied by a deposit at the time of reserving a place.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Newstead – 01782 235490

Norton Le Moors – 01782 234792

Whitfield Valley – 01782 234570

HEALTH EMAIL ADDRESSES

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