

INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST



JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to everyone from the Inspirational Learning Academies Trust! Let's keep hoping for a return to our old normal soon!!!

You will have seen the additional measures we have put into place just for this half term to help to stop too many staff and children falling ill with the new omicron COVID variant.

These measures are:

No after school clubs

No whole school assemblies

No mixing of different classes in the lunch hall

We know these are only small changes but hopefully it will help to stop the quick spread of the virus.

All three sites continue to struggle with staff absence and we really do appreciate your support at this time. As we said at the beginning of the term in our letter, please do not worry if your child is not taught by the regular teacher as we are adamant that we will stay open and NOT return to home learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Executive Head Teacher

Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Head Teacher

Miss Leanne Gallagher
Head of School Newstead

Miss Emma Meakin
Head of School Norton

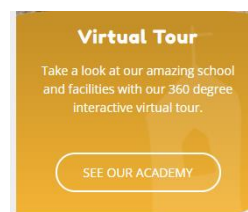
Virtual School Tours

For those of you that regularly visit our school websites, you will notice that we have added Virtual School Tours to each school website. You can take a look around each building, navigating your way through the corridors and around the classrooms. To view the virtual tours, go to the home page of each school website, then click on the below button.

www.newstead.stoke.sch.uk

www.norton.stoke.sch.uk

www.whitfieldv.org.uk



CHANGE OF OPENING HOURS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that the school office will close at 3.30pm on a Friday. It will be open from 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday.

Please do not telephone the school office after 3.30pm on a Friday as your call will not be answered and we do not have a voicemail.

Right Steps provision for children not collected on time.

Just a reminder that if you have not collected your child by 3.25pm and you normally do collect, we shall send your child to the Right Steps after school provision where you can then collect before 6pm. Their normal charges will apply.

National Tutoring Programme

I am sure you will have seen the government announce that many children will be eligible for after school small group tutoring.

If your child has been given a place by the government, you will be notified by the school office.

Educational Visits



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All day visits are active and many children have already started to go out and about on our exciting visits that bring learning to life. The residential visits to Paris will hopefully be going ahead in the Summer Term. We are currently grouping the children to ensure those waiting for passports going a little later than those who already have one. Separate communication will be sent to the parents of children involved.

Term Dates for This Term

School closes for half term on Thursday 17th February 2022

We reopen after the holiday on Monday 28th February 2022.

The end of Term is Friday 8th April 2022

The summer Term starts on Monday 25th April 2022

