



Joseph Leckie Academy

December 12th 2018

Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for the end of term on Friday, December 21st 2018.

The term will end for all students at lunchtime; meals will be available as usual at this time.

The Academy will re-open at the normal time – 8.30 am on Monday, January 7th 2019.

May I take this opportunity to ask you to continue to support the following with your child by ensuring that he / she:

- Has full uniform and is smartly dressed. This means ties on correctly with 2 stripes and logo showing, top button fastened and shirts tucked in to trousers or skirts.
- Is on time for all morning tutorial periods. This means students being in their tutor rooms by 8.35am. If you bring your child to school by car please leave plenty of time to get here on time and allow for traffic and weather conditions.
- Has essential equipment for all lessons. This means having a pen, pencil, ruler as well as relevant books. For PE lessons students must have the correct kit, as specified in the uniform list, as well as a towel. All students should have a suitable bag in which to keep their books, planner, stationery items and PE kit / other items such as ingredients for food technology lessons in order to be ready to learn in lessons for each day.

You will remember that failure to meet the above minimum standards will result in a lunchtime or after school detention. Persistent failure to adhere to the Academy's rules may result in detentions after school, being placed on report, being taught in isolation for a period of time and/or a meeting with the Governors' Behaviour Panel.

May I also remind you that leather jackets, hooded tops and sportswear are not appropriate and should not be worn to school? What should be worn is a proper waterproof, dark coloured, outdoor coat for protection from the cold, rain and snow. This is particularly more important as the weather has got colder and wetter and an outside coat will keep them warm and dry on their journey to and from school as well as walking between lessons when they will need to go outside. Boots should only be worn when there is snow and ice on the ground, not as every day wear. Please note that trainers should not be worn in bad weather – they do not offer any more protection or grip than shoes.

Please would you ensure that your child does not have an extreme haircut or bright unnatural coloured hair, this includes patterns or tram-lines which are not allowed. Any student who fails to follow this policy (as agreed by the Governing Board), may be taught in isolation or sent home. Similarly, patterns and lines in eyebrows are not permitted.

Make up should be minimal – lipstick or other coloured balms should not be worn.

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Academy Apps

At the end of November, we launched our brand new Academy Website, we're very proud of this great new resource we have to share with you. This will allow us to publish more up to date content, more frequently for you. We urge you to go have a look, and for our parents who may struggle with written English there is now a translation option, available under the "Globe" icon.

We also wanted to remind of you of the great smartphone apps we have for you to download and interact with us.

The three free apps we currently provide for you are:

- MyEd – Our main communication, messaging, reporting and landing platform. It also ensures access to all our other online services. We are hoping in the future that the MyEd App will be the way parents can access reports and that paper copies would not be sent unless requested. I will give you more information about this in the New Year.
- ParentMail – Our online payment system for meals and trips (you can also use Pay-Point at local shops if you don't have a bank account).
- Ruler Parent – Our online homework platform, which allows you to see the homework set for your children.

Please download these free apps and sign up as soon as possible, so you can start interacting more quickly and efficiently with us.

If you have any issues with setting up any of our apps, please first see the brand new help guides located on our website under the Communication section, or alternatively please get in touch via our dedicated Parental Support email address: parentalsupport@josephleckieacademy.co.uk

Thank you for your support as always this term, which is much appreciated.

I hope you and your families will have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday and a successful New Year.

Yours faithfully



Keith Whittlestone
Principal

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