

30th November 2023

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we navigate through the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some important information and developments.

I would like to inform you of a slight change to the published academy calendar. The final Friday of this term will now be designated as an INSET (In-Service Education and Training) Day. As a result, the last day of term for students will be Thursday, 21st December, with dismissal scheduled at the usual time of 2:50 pm. This adjustment allows our dedicated staff to engage in professional development opportunities, ensuring they are well-equipped to provide the highest quality education for your children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation regarding this change to the end-of-term schedule.

Furthermore, I am pleased to share with you a recent development in leadership roles within Joseph Leckie Academy. As part of our strategic efforts to expand and enhance our academy provision, we have made a slight adjustment to our leadership structure. I am delighted to announce that Miss Cook will now serve as the Associate Principal of the academy, bringing her wealth of experience and dedication to this role. At the same time, Mr. Ludlow will take on the position of Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the broader aspects of our academy's growth and development.

It's important to note that our students are already aware of these changes, and we believe that this adjustment in leadership roles will further enhance and strengthen our academy community. Both Miss Cook and Mr. Ludlow are deeply committed to providing a nurturing and challenging academic environment, and we are confident that these changes will contribute positively to the overall educational experience at Joseph Leckie Academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of Joseph Leckie Academy about our academy uniform policy, which remains unchanged. The detailed policy is available on our website for your reference. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the section that specifies, 'The Academy does not permit any items in school that carry political messages, slogans, or ideology.' While we wholeheartedly encourage an open and respectful environment for students to discuss issues that are concerning them, it is crucial to emphasise that, as an academy, we are committed to maintaining a neutral stance. Therefore, we cannot be seen to take a political standpoint on any global issues or conflicts. For clarification, this also includes the wearing or promoting of partisan political symbolism and national flags.

Your cooperation in ensuring that students adhere to the uniform policy is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to the creation of a focused and inclusive learning environment.







If you have any questions or require further clarification on the academy uniform policy, please feel free to contact the academy office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in upholding the standards of our academy.

Thank you for your continued support in making Joseph Leckie Academy a thriving centre of learning.

Yours faithfully, James Ludlow Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Leckie Academy Trust

