

# THE LEIGH ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Update from Principal

I hope that this letter continues to find you and your families well, in good health and spirits.

Next week is our half term and I wish to remind you that online learning will not be set for the week and the key workers provision on site will also be closed. I am sure you will agree that the staff and children and parents as 'teachers at home', need the break to recharge ready for the final module.

The key worker provision on site will reopen as usual on Monday 1st June. A reminder that this must be booked in advance via an email to [info@leigh.academy.org.uk](mailto:info@leigh.academy.org.uk).

As you will know, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May the government announced its intention for 'face to face' contact for Year 10 and Year 12 students in the summer term to support ongoing remote learning. Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey regarding this which has helped us to move forward with our planning. I would like to be able to share more information with you in this letter regarding our draft plans but as we are still waiting for the Department for Education guidance for secondary schools to be published, I am not able to do so. I can confirm that risk assessments are taking place, advice from the Trust, governors, other schools and colleagues, the local authority and other groups is being taken into account and considered to support our planning. Thus, we can ensure the steps taken will be in the best interests of staff, students and families and put in place all precautionary measures possible within our context.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, the government will announce whether we are to proceed with its plan for wider reopening of schools and 'face to face' contact for Year 10 and Year 12. I will write to parents of Year 10 and Year 12 in the week of 1<sup>st</sup> June with an update. I will ensure that there is plenty of time for us all to prepare to move to the next stage, so please try not to worry over the half term. I will update you as soon as I am able to do so.

For students in Years 7, 8 and 9 it has been confirmed that they will not be returning to onsite education until the new academic year at the earliest. As such online learning will continue and it becomes even more important that students do complete the work set for them across all their subjects. Thank you to those parents who completed the teaching and learning survey. Your responses have been very helpful in enabling us to further develop our plan to meet student needs. I will write again in the week beginning 1st June with some new updates to our online teaching strategy.

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For students in Year 11 and Year 13, you have not been forgotten, staff are working hard to ensure that we follow the Centre Assessment Grade process to do all that we can for you to achieve the grades that you deserve this summer, subject to the verification process by examination boards. I will write to you again in the week of 1st June with the updates on this and the ongoing support for your transition to your next stage.


As we end Module 5, I am saddened by the situation we find ourselves in and the loss of direct education to our children, who are all greatly missed by Leigh staff. However, there are many within our community who are experiencing far more challenges and losses during this time and my thoughts are with these families.

In summary, try not to worry about things that as yet, are unknown, as always at The Leigh Academy we will do our best to continue to support your children, and ensure their education (in person and remotely) continues.

I thank you for your ongoing support and I will write again in the week beginning 1st June. In the meantime, I would like to wish you a restful half term break with your families.

Stay safe and keep well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Collins', written in a cursive style.

Julia Collins  
Principal