

31 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of what has been an unusual term, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. As I have said previously, I have been incredibly proud of the way in which our students adapted to online learning for the vast majority of this term and the quality of the work which was produced, some of which has been showcased through our weekly Proud Thursday celebration.

Since returning earlier this month, students have continued to work hard. We have been able to host the three Parents' Evenings which were scheduled for this term for Years 8, 9 and 11. These were all held remotely via 'School Cloud' software. Again, I would like to thank you for your support with this new venture.

Owing to some incidents with the use of mobile phones in the academy since our return from lockdown, we have reviewed our modifications to the Delta Academies Trust Care, Support, Guidance and Behaviour Policy (Appendix E). With effect from Monday 19 April our response to students who have their mobile phones out in the academy will be consistent with the Delta Policy, which states that *'if a student has their mobile phone confiscated, then their parent/carer can collect the phone that evening or a subsequent day. A student, however, cannot collect their phone for themselves until the end of the day on the last day of that half term.'* (Page 11)

This change in procedure will be explained to all students on their first day back after Easter. A copy of the policy can be downloaded from the Statutory Information page of the academy website.

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, if your child receives a positive home LFD test up to and including **Wednesday 7 April** please inform the academy by completing the Covid notification form on the academy website <https://www.valeacademy.org.uk/covid-notification-form>

Finally, I would like to remind you that the academy closes at **15.20 on Thursday 1 April** and will reopen for all students from **8.45 on Monday 19 April**.

I wish you and your families a restful and safe Easter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams'.

Mrs N Williams
Associate Executive Principal