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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health at this difficult time.

We are now coming to the end of our first full week back at Kettering Science Academy and I would like to share with you the positive picture of our current education offer during this pandemic.

The changes to the Academy that I have put in place although somewhat different to our normal mode of operations have allowed students to be taught their varied curriculum in as thorough way as before this time. Teachers are working really hard to pick up on student knowledge and skills to close the gap caused by the national lockdown. I would like to report the very positive attitude of the vast majority of students who have accepted the “new normal” and this is something that makes me proud. I will continue to modify the school operational model as and when we receive updated Government guidance.

I am sure you are aware of the situation regarding local lockdowns and partial school closures for year groups which have had a Covid-19 outbreak. I am hoping that this will not be the case with Kettering Science Academy. However, should we have to take any action along those lines, I can assure you that we will provide an enhanced online learning experience for students should they have to stay off for any period of time. We will inform you via text, email and website notification if this is necessary. It is therefore imperative that we have your up-to-date contact details, if these have changed recently then please inform the school on enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org.

I thank you for your support in ensuring your children are wearing face masks coming in to school and leaving at the end of the day. Please continue to ensure that all students have a mask to wear. It is essential they wear them until they reach or leave their year group wing bubble. Brooke Weston Trust have also ordered washable masks which will issued to students shortly. It is also helpful if students have their own hand sanitiser and tissues for their personal use. We are constantly monitoring the latest guidance concerning masks and should anything change we will inform you via our website.

We do understand that students forget things from time to time and welcome your support to minimise this by supporting organisation and checking they have all the items they need with them before they leave home – common forgotten items include masks, lunch boxes and PE Kit.

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Please note that we can only accept visitors into the school building by appointment only. To do this either contact the member of staff directly, email enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org or telephone. If you do visit the school please wear a face mask and follow the advice for hand sanitizing and social distancing.

I am aware of a disturbing video that is circulating on social media at the moment, especially TiKTok and other social media platforms. I believe the video has been removed from TiKTok but has been and is being shared on other social media platforms. We recommend the following websites to look at and to promote to parents and carers, UK Safer Internet Centre offer some great guides and Internet Matters is full of useful information especially around keeping safe on social media. I have also attached two important handouts that you may find useful. Please also check the 'Esafety' area of schools website (<http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=110>) regularly as it is frequently updated. We are introducing a new 'Wake Up Wednesday' strategy endorsed by National Online Safety (<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>) which starts next week.

Once more I thank you for all your support and look forward to working with you in ensuring that Kettering Science Academy continues to provide a quality education for all of our students during this national emergency.

Should you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Tony Segalini
Principal

