

25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, many schools up and down the country are experiencing disruption because of the latest increase in cases of Covid—19. We, like them, have been affected by staff absence at Jewellery Quarter Academy. On some occasions, this will mean that your child may have been taught by a different teacher – whether from our pool of trusted supply staff or another member of the teaching team. Because of staff pressures, we have also had to combine classes in more our spacious and well-ventilated 'Rec room' as a contingency.

I am proud of how our staff have responded and, so far, we have been able to ensure that our students have been taught by subject specialists, and, in many instances leaders at the Academy - including by me when I have taught English lessons to multiple groups together. The students have all been incredibly mature and flexible and I am confident that where this contingency has been used, they have continued to receive the highest standards of education you would expect.

We are hoping that no other measures are necessary, other than those we have already taken. We have a clear [Outbreak Management Plan](#) on our website which outlines contingencies.

We will continue to update you, as always via the website, text and email alert system and via our Piota app. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr J Barton – Head of School**