

The Compass Academy

# PARENT LEAFLET: Spring Term



Edition 4: Spring 2021

## We wish you a Happy Easter...



Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents/carers for your continued support, in what has been a very different and at times, challenging return back to school! The team at Compass sincerely hope, that despite the current circumstances, that all members of our Compass family have a lovely Easter break and continue to remain safe and well.

For many pupils, the return to school has been seamless, however, for some pupils, this has been more difficult, if you are worried or concerned about your child, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

## Half Termly Theme: Relationships



As part of the Academy's pledge to support our pupils' understanding about safe and healthy relationships, next half term, pupils will be exploring the key themes of Relationships and Mutual Respect with a focus on: intimate and sexual relationships both on and offline.

If you wish to discuss this aspect of the curriculum, please do not hesitate in contacting the Academy's RSHE (Relationships, Sex, Health Education) lead: Miss S Marshall (Tel: 01482 317777).

Alternatively, please read the Academy's RSHE policy which is available on the school website/requested via the school reception team (Tel: 01482 331720).

## Supporting our Community:



As part of our Easter celebrations, pupils will be taking part in a variety of Easter themed activities including, participating in a 'Bunny run' in aid of Dove House Hospice.

If anyone would like to **sponsor their child** in the 'Bunny Run', all donations would be gratefully received. Please ask

your child to hand in donations by: **Friday 26th March, 2021** to their class tutor.

## Mental Health Support:

At present, Mental Health Support Teams are operating at a reduced capacity whilst preparing for a new offer which is due to be launched in 2022. The support teams will begin to offer support for pupils aged between 5-18 with mild to moderate mental health needs. This will include 1-1 sessions, group sessions and assemblies. Eventually, more will be offered as the service develops including parent/carer workshops, out of term time sessions and staff training.

If you could please participate in the below survey, it would be greatly appreciated. Any feedback will be reviewed and inform a tailored mental health support team to work with our youngsters. The survey should take around 15 minutes.

The parent link is: <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/parentcarerworkbook>

If you are worried or concerned about your child, the school offers a 'pop in' service with the school nurse. If you feel that your child would benefit from this additional support, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

## Uniform

As Covid restrictions are now beginning to ease and many retailers are able to offer deliveries via online orders, it is the expectation that upon the return to school on Tuesday 13th April, that **all pupils return to school in full school uniform**. Please encourage your child to wear an outdoor jacket to school as there is still a slight chill in the air!

A polite reminder that leggings and jogging bottoms are **not** part of the school uniform policy!

# Covid Testing



In line with school testing expectations, pupils will be provided with 2 x Lateral Flow testing kits, which are to be carried out at home on:

- Sunday 28th March, 2021 and
- Monday 12th April, 2021 (prior to the return back to school on the Tuesday).

In the unfortunate event that your child tests **positive** for Covid 19, please contact the school via email: [admin@thecompassacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@thecompassacademy.co.uk) .

If your child's test result is **negative**, **no further action** is required.



## Celebration of Achievement:

Over the last term, there have been a series of notable achievements which have been recognised through the offering of certificates and rewards! One of our most prestigious awards is the Top Tutor group award:

Date	Award
Spring half term 1	<b>Top tutor group awarded to:</b> Miss Murray's group.
Spring half term 2	<b>Top tutor group awarded to:</b> Miss Murray's group.

# Reading

In line with the Academy's Reading Strategy, all pupils' reading ages have recently been reassessed so that we can track the progress that your child is making. I am pleased to report that many pupils have made accelerated rates of progress which is fantastic news!

To reward pupils' progress and achievements in reading, many pupils have been awarded gift vouchers for having read up to 50,000 words which is absolutely incredible! A big shout out to:

- Robbie (RMU) 50,000 words!
- Bayden (ARU) 25,000 words!
- Ethen (ARU) 10,000 words!

## New faces

Next half term, I would like to welcome three new faces to the Academy, to support the Academy in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum offer.

Please welcome the following new staff to the team: Mrs Brown (Drama teacher), Mr Matfin (ICT teacher) and Mrs Falkingham (Intervention teacher).


## Important dates:

Date	Comment
Friday 26th March 2021	End of Spring term
Tuesday 13th April 2021	The school reopens for the Summer term.

## Useful Services:

The following websites/contact details may provide useful support or advice for young people:

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<p><b>Kooth</b></p> <p>Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kooth.com/">https://www.kooth.com/</a></p>	 The Kooth logo features the word "kooth" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a teal background. The letter "o" is replaced by a white speech bubble containing a stylized face with a red smile and a blue eye. The second "o" is replaced by a white speech bubble containing a blue smile and a red eye.
<p><b>Young Minds</b></p> <p>A website which offers tips/advice for young people in managing your mental health.</p> <p><a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a></p>	 The Young Minds logo consists of the words "YOUNG MINDS" in a bold, uppercase, sans-serif font. "YOUNG" is in white and "MINDS" is in dark grey, set against a bright yellow background.

## A closing comment...

Hoping that all families have a wonderful Easter, please continue to keep yourselves safe and follow the Government guidance with regards to social distancing, limiting contacts and maintaining a good hygiene routine. The team are looking forward to welcoming you back in the summer term!

The Compass Academy team x x x