

School Update March 2022

It is with great frustration that we must announce that the main school building at our Lupset site will remain closed to students until Monday 25th April. This is the day pupils return after the two week Easter break. We fully appreciate how disheartening and disappointing this news may be but I would like to thank you for your patience. We too want the pupils to return as soon as possible but must ensure that the school site is safe and fit for purpose before this can happen.

Building work

There is still building and decorative work being carried out in most areas of the main school building. This now includes new walls and ceiling in the hall, newly painted corridors and fascia around the whole of the roof area. The scaffolding is scheduled to be removed shortly and all doors will soon be fully furnished and activated by a fob system.

Once the main building work is completed we will then be adding new carpet, paint and display work around the school.

Visits to Evolve Academy

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting parents of the pupils who attend the Lupset site to have a tour of the school and witness the building work in progress. During this visit we will explain the work that has been undertaken and our expectations for when pupils are welcomed back to school. We are in the process of creating an environment that is safe, fit for purpose and welcoming and we all need to work together to ensure that it is respected and maintained.

Support from Evolve

Our staff are here to support you and your son/daughter with queries or concerns you may have. During the time your son/daughter may have been away from school we have made a number of options available, including face to face sessions based at local libraries, live lessons online, remote learning and paper based work packs. We have also delivered many food packs due to not being able to offer lunches at school. We will also visit your home several times a week to make sure you and your son/daughter are safe and well and to see if there is any further support you may need with anything.

We appreciate that this is still not the same as the pupils being with us in school but would like your support in helping your son/daughter engage in the offer that you have chosen.

Thank you

It has been a very challenging half term in which I have had to make a number of difficult decisions that in the short term have disrupted our usual working practice and, unfortunately, impacted on our pupils normal way of learning. These decisions will, in the long term, secure a school to be proud of. We all want the pupils to have a positive experience at Evolve Academy and be able to receive support with their learning and development. We recognised that this was not possible in the building we had and so the work that has been taking place has been essential. Decisions have had to be made on a day to day basis and many things have had to be addressed which were not originally planned for, as with most large building developments. We have had to adapt to circumstances that have arisen during this period and have always had the best interests of the pupils at heart. I appreciate the difficulties having pupils away from school may have caused but we are working tirelessly to create the environment we all deserve to work and learn in.

Kind regards,



Mr D Kiss
Headteacher