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RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday to close schools except to those children who are most vulnerable and the children of key workers from the end of school on Friday 20th March, has meant that the academy will be closed to all students except for those listed in the guidance received from the government. Please see the link below confirming these key workers.

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/schoolsweek.co.uk/coronavirus-government-finally-defines-key-workers-and-vulnerable-pupils/amp/>

Please be aware that in order to keep staff and students safe and provide an educational provision that meets with social distancing guidelines we will only allow onto site those students whose parents have confirmed that they are key workers and that they have requested through our online survey provision on site. *These parents will be sent a separate letter to confirm the timings of the day and the expectations of children and young people whilst on site. If you have not received this letter by the end of today, your child will not have a place on the academy's provision.*

Please be aware that the academy will be following the guidelines from Public Health England. As a result of the government giving clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing, the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear:

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home.**

I ask you in advance for your cooperation in supporting the staff at the academy to follow this advice to keep our community safe and to help stop the spread of this virus.

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Staff, as I announced in previous communication will be putting work onto Classcharts and should you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Warm regards and best wishes

Allison Moise-Dixon
Principal and CEO