



Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Dear parents and carers

Update on our approach to COVID-19

As you will be aware, the situation with regards to COVID-19 has been changing almost on a daily basis. We appreciate that this is of great concern to many people and we wanted to assure you that everything is being done across our academies to ensure we are well-placed for whatever happens.

The safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff remains our highest priority and we continue to follow all relevant guidance and direction from government (<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>).

Therefore, our academies will shut to the majority of children, as directed by government, on Friday 20th March.

As per the government's guidance our academies will be partially open from 9.00am – 3.00pm for children of key workers, vulnerable children and those with EHC plans of who can attend safely. We are doing our absolute utmost to ensure we can resource this and provide a safe place for our staff and your children.

You will receive confirmation from your academy about exactly how this will operate through newsletters, the internet and either Facebook or text messages. Therefore, please ensure we have the most up to date number for you and that you are checking these sources regularly.

We have endeavoured to ensure all children can access some learning and over this last week have sent packs home with all of the children that have attended and we have also made a list of lots of online resources which will be shared too. If you have self-isolated and require a pack for your child please telephone your academy to inform them of the child's name and year group and arrange a suitable time to collect it.

These are unprecedented times and we are grateful for the hard work and expertise of all of the staff across each of our academies. They have the pupil's and communities' best interests at heart and will continue doing everything they can to ensure that we can offer a service and support key workers at this critical time.

Your support and patience is very much appreciated and we thank you for your continued assistance. We also wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well during this time.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive Chair of the Trust