

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are staying well in this challenging week. Following Monday evening's announcement from the government, you will be very aware of the tighter restrictions on people's movements from today. Given these changes and the seriousness of the situation, the governors and I have decided that it is not right to ask staff to make the journey to the Academy to supervise a small number of students. This means that from tomorrow (Wednesday 25th March) the Academy will be fully closed and we will no longer be able to supervise students on site.

Government guidance is clear that, at the current time home, is the safest place for all of us so it is sensible to close for now. I intend to reevaluate the situation after the Easter holiday (ie on Monday 20th April) and if the national picture has changed then we will look at a partial re-opening for vulnerable and key worker students after that date.

My team have today spoken to all those families who opted to send their children into the Academy this week, to explain the situation and to ensure that alternative arrangements are in place. For those parents, as well as all those of you who have already had your children at home this week, your child's Head of Year will remain in contact with you during term time and they are available if you need support via email or their work numbers. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for working with us to ensure that the whole Academy community can stay safe and at home for the next few weeks.

I am very sorry that we are not able to continue to open this week for any students, but I must consider the safety of my staff in these difficult times.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours sincerely



Mr M Williams
Principal