

13th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to my letter last week about our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to school regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), I felt it helpful to explain what we are doing. We continue to receive daily updates from the government and we continue to follow their advice.

As an academy, we have been through our emergency plans and developed contingencies should we have to close or partially close due to either government instruction or due to staff absence. Should they direct schools to close (as a measure to try and halt the spread and outbreak of the virus) we will be required to follow that direction. Therefore, we would like to make it clear now what would happen in such a situation; so that we are all prepared if it does happen.

Should this happen all children will bring home a pack of school work, with a timetable- showing which tasks should be completed each day on the day of the closure.

•Following the first week of school closure, your child's Class Teacher will email the work for the following week for your child. We will follow this with a text message to alert you to the fact that the work has been sent to you

•The answers to the work set will also be available to parents, thereby giving immediate and direct feedback

•Parents would be responsible for ensuring they and their families followed the guidelines and directions from the government and Public Health UK

We hope this provides some clarity and comfort during what is quite an uncertain time for all. Please rest assured we would only close if directed to do so by central government or Public Health UK. In the meantime, we continue to follow guidance and encourage good hygiene amongst our school community. We are monitoring all school trips and making decisions on a case by case basis, again following advice from the government.

Thank you for your continued support to the school.

With best wishes,

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