



Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – Academy closure to most pupils

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now closed the academy to almost all children until further notice.**

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible and they have asked schools and academies to remain open only for those children who **absolutely need to attend**. The fewer children making the journey to the academy and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. We will therefore, continue to provide care for a limited number of children, this care will be for children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home, as outlined below:

- **Health and social care**

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff.

- **Education and childcare**

This includes nursery and teaching staff and social workers.

- **Key public services**

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services.

- **Local and national government**

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services.



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- **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery.

- **Public safety and national security**

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs).

- **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response.

- **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure).

The list above represents some of the employments associated with the critical categories. A full and detailed list can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If parents think they fall within the critical categories above, and they are unable to keep their child at home, they should contact the academy to discuss further options.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into the academy until further notice.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn in the following ways:

- Year 7, 8 and 9 students should use their knowledge organisers to recap important knowledge;
- Year 10 students will be set a minimum of 1 hour of work per subject per week;
- Plans for Year 11 students will be communicated separately

Can we ask you to ensure your child is able to access school emails. The following link will lead to an explanation of how to access school emails: <https://bit.ly/2Urj5xx>

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this service, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.



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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is a far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Please note that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by letter, twitter, Facebook, through the academy website and finally via text message.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

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