



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update –academy closure to most pupils

I would like to reassure all parents and carers that our contingency plans are updated following the announcement yesterday from the government.

With the announcement that schools should close from **Friday 20th March**, except for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus, we await the official guidance related to this and will update all parents and carers via our website.

As a reminder, if you or your child feel ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk). The full stay at home guidance for anyone with a new persistent cough or a fever can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

I am speaking to all Year 11 and Year 13 students this morning related to the announcement yesterday and whilst we await further details it is important to remember that being successful, confident and ambitious is our ethos and that the learning that students have undertaken, and should continue to embrace, will set the foundations for their future lives.

I appreciate we await updates, and also appreciate your continued patience with this as we deal with this ever-changing situation. I have been amazed by the professionalism of our staff and the maturity of our students during this time; I know our staff have been grateful of the positive feedback from yourselves during this unsettling time.

Later today I will publish information again related to the work that students can undertake, but also safeguarding advice for all students and parents/carers as this is our priority. Whilst we await information related to the provision of FSM from the government I reiterate that our community has been in discussion related to supporting our families, with our local Councilor providing information on local food banks and members of academy staff seeking additional help for families during this time. Further information for those requiring this support will follow.

Thank you for your ongoing support, although our community will be undergoing a difficult time by continuing to support each other we will overcome this situation

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Mackey'.

David Mackey
Principal