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17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has made a number of announcements in relation to measures to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The health and safety of our students, staff and the wider academy community is, as always, our number one priority. As you know, we have been closely following all government guidance relating to the virus. We have also taken all the necessary precautions since the national outbreak to prevent it from impacting our Academy and to keep students safe. There are no confirmed cases of any student or member of staff at the academy contracting Covid-19.

Whilst the Government has not announced the widespread closure of schools, unfortunately the cumulative impact of the current measures has led to significant levels of staff absence.

Therefore, regrettably I have to inform you that we are no longer able to safely educate all year groups on site. From 18th March 2020 Year 8 will be asked to stay at home. Whilst we very much hope this situation changes for the better soon, as the isolation period is now set at 14 days, it is unlikely that this situation will improve before the Easter holiday so please assume that your child should not return to the academy until after the break (running from 6th April to 17th April 2020). I will inform you if this changes.

Whilst we understand that this is likely to cause disruption for you and your family, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the closure on your child's education.

Further information specific to your child will follow. However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,

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

David Mackey
Principal

