



Monday 4th January 2021

Important Information following the Announcement of National Lockdown

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight the Prime Minister has announced that all schools must switch to remote learning from tomorrow with schools opening only to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. This means that most pupils will now need to stay at home and access their learning online.

As a Trust this has left us with no time to prepare for opening to pupils tomorrow. We have not yet had any further guidance from the Department for Education about the new approach and what the requirements are for important aspects like Bubble sizes and other safety requirements. I have therefore taken the decision that **all academies will be closed to all pupils for one day only tomorrow** so that leaders can organise provision and staffing, contact parents to establish their requirements for places for children of critical workers and those deemed vulnerable, update our risk assessments and provide remote learning for our pupils.

From Tuesday 5th January we will be following Government guidance and providing remote learning to all our children. Your child will be given tasks to complete and short updates from their teacher. Each academy will contact parents to give further information. Your child should know their log in details but if you need support please contact the academy.

We will open to pupils deemed as vulnerable and those children of critical workers that request a place from Wednesday 6th January. If you are a critical worker and would like to request a place for your child then please contact the individual academy by email using the info@ email address or by telephoning the academy office and leaving a message. We will contact parents to confirm places by the end of the day on Tuesday 5th January.

Each academy will also contact parents of those children deemed as vulnerable on Tuesday 5th January to discussion provision and further support for families should they need it.

For those families that are eligible for Free School Meals our finance teams will begin to process vouchers for the value of the meal. We will endeavour to get these vouchers to you as soon as possible. Please check your email to access the voucher.

Thank you again for your continued support. We understand how challenging this is for you. We will do our utmost to ensure your children continue to access a high quality education over the weeks ahead.

Antony Hughes, CEO