

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to assure you that the Academy is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider school community which is, as always, our top priority.

We currently have no specific concerns about anyone within our school community in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Academy remains open as usual.

We are of course being extra vigilant and encouraging pupils, parents and staff to continue taking additional precautions, including maintaining high levels of personal hygiene, regularly washing hands and following the *Catch it, Bin it, Kill it* advice when sneezing or coughing. As you would expect, we already promote these practices at the Academy, and we would appreciate your support in continuing to encourage the same at home.

The Academy will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes posters in all toilets around the Academy encouraging students and staff to wash their hands, sanitiser's available at prominent points around the building and additional regular cleaning particularly of door handles and surfaces.

We would also encourage you to closely monitor the health of your child(ren) and if they or a member of your family show any symptoms or you have any concerns, your child should be kept at home and not attend the Academy. You should then **please contact 111 or visit the NHS's website for advice (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) and not attend your local GP Surgery or A&E.** We would also ask that you notify the Academy immediately, to allow to us to take any necessary steps.

The link to the full guidance being provided by the Government is also available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
This website is regularly updated so you may find it useful to return to the site from time to time as it will keep you up-to-date with the latest Government advice as it is issued.

As an Academy, we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher