

16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I write to update you on the impact of the COVID-19 virus within the academy and our plans to address this. A number of colleagues are unable to attend school next week. Primarily because a large number of staff have been contacted via Track & Trace and advised to self-isolate. Either themselves directly, their partners or own children are unable to leave home and this has a significant bearing on the safe management of our school. **As such, I have taken the decision to close the school to Year 9.**

Please note this decision has not been taken lightly, but the safety of staff and students is of paramount importance.

**The school remains open to students in some other year groups, including Year 10 and 11 students who attend either The Bridge or Gateway provision, they must all attend school as normal.**

Providing your child remains well, they should continue to attend school as normal. Please see below the direct advice and communication from Public Health England in the event that your child develops symptoms:

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

### Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Warm regards



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