

17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your forbearance and understanding with us as we try to navigate a very difficult situation. My primary concern is always for the safety and wellbeing of all our school community – students, staff and their respective families. You will of course be well aware of the current advice from the government about how people can best manage their health through the COVID19 pandemic.

Due to a variety of reasons, we have a number of staff who are having to self-isolate. This in turn has an impact on our ability run the academy as usual. We have had no confirmed cases among our school community, however, some key staff are unable to be in school from tomorrow. As such, it would not be possible to open the building to all of our students. I have decided to keep the school open but only for students in **Years 7 and 11**. Our year 11 students are in the midst of their mock examinations and I am keen to try and keep things as regular as possible for them. I am also aware that some parents and families may struggle to make suitable childcare arrangements for our year 7 students with such short notice. From Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, until further notice, the academy will be closed to students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

Please can you ensure your sons and daughters do not make their way to the academy and are kept safe at home.

Staff at the academy are working tirelessly to ensure we have a range of remote learning resources available to access from our website and we will be in touch with further details regarding this as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Miss D Gobbi



















