



18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wrote to all parents/carers last week to inform you of the measures we are taking as a school, in line with the latest advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England, to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

I wanted to provide a further update and outline steps we may need to take to ensure that we can continue to provide your children with the highest quality education possible, in what is a rapidly changing and challenging situation.

We take our duty of care extremely seriously and every decision we make is taken with the very best interests of your children in mind.

The Academy currently remains open in line with the current Government guidance. However, with the Government now advising people to self-isolate for 14 days, if they or a member of their family exhibits symptoms, we now have a number of children, families and staff, who are self-isolating as a precaution.

Should this result in staff shortages, we may need to make certain changes to class structures to ensure we can continue to offer appropriate provision.

On occasions, we may need to merge classes of children together. This is achievable across year groups, phases or key stages to allow pupils to continue their learning. I can assure you that teachers will continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, ably supported by teaching assistants, where appropriate.

There may also be occasions where we need to redeploy teachers to different year groups/classes to support and deliver teaching and learning. Staff across the Academy are trained in primary education and will therefore be able to ensure that children continue to make positive progress in all year groups.

We will continue to review provision within the Academy, in accordance with the latest Government guidelines. We will endeavour to share information with parents/carers should we need to make any changes to the running of the school day.

We understand what a challenging and concerning time this is for everyone. We are committed to keeping any disruption to your child's education to a minimum and ensuring they can continue their learning safely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, as we navigate this constantly changing and developing situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Murphy  
Executive Headteacher