

Friday 13 March 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

These are our plans for any future academy closure linked to COVID-19.

We have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19. We are following the advice of the UK Government and Public Health England and will not close unless told to do so.

The Government is saying that people suffering with even mild symptoms like those of corona virus (persistent cough, fever) should self-isolate for 7 days. This may mean your child having to miss school; please do contact the Academy on the first day of absence if this is the case for your child.

Remember - the government is not requesting everyone in your home to self-isolate if only one person in your house has a persistent cough or a fever. We will update you if this changes.

Although we are not closing at the moment, we may need to mix some classes together if we have any staff off school because of teachers needing to follow government guidance on self-isolation.

Should we need to close for a deep clean, or for any other reason, we will tell you by text and by letter. We will tell you when the closure will take place and when children should come back to school.

In the event of being told to close, the academy will make sure pupils can carry on learning at home because we will send them home with a homework pack. We will also put videos on the website for your children to watch. The video will show them how to do the work they have been given. Please make sure you ask your children to do their homework.

There are no current thoughts that we will be closing. Please continue to bring your child to school and follow the usual advice on our website should they become unwell.

We may need to contact you before or during any time of school closure. It is important that we have up to date telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses for each of our children and their families. Please contact the Academy to update us if you think we might not have your up to date telephone number or address.

Links to the school website and the Department of Education helpline are provided below.

Thank you for your support of your child and of our school during this unusual time.

Yours faithfully

V Counsell
Principal

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The department for Education helpline to answer questions about COVID 19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone 0800 046 8687 - Email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- Opening hours 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The Academy website has a page dedicated to providing access to Public Health England advice, this is updated daily.

<https://www.clf.uk/coronavirus-advice/>