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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to assure you that the Trust is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students, 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 our Academies remain open as usual.

We are of course being extra vigilant and encouraging students, 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 our Academies and we would appreciate your support in continuing to encourage the same at home.

The Trust will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes ensuring our handwashing facilities are fully stocked throughout our Academies and that advice posters are clearly displayed. Our cleaners will be concentrating on high-risk surfaces during their normal cleaning duties.

If any of our Academies are required to close we plan to provide learning activities via remote education using Education City, Bug Club, Espresso (Discovery Education) and White Rose maths, available on any smart phone, tablet or home computer with internet access. Please could you let the Academy know if your child will not have access to one of these devices. We will use the class pages on our website and our text service to provide topic activities; wherever possible these will be done through the remote education sites listed above.

We understand that both parents/carers and students may be concerned about upcoming SATs assessments. For the children in Year 6 we will be providing additional revision papers that the children can work from at home, again, we will provide ideas for activities via our class pages on the website.

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For children in Year 2 we would recommend regular reading at home and maths calculation practise. Since these assessments are primarily based upon teacher judgements, the children will not require practise papers to be sent home. However, appropriate work will be provided via the website.

There are currently no restrictions on travel within the UK so our school trips will go ahead, as planned. We will be updating our risk assessments as necessary and we are keeping up to date with the daily government advice.

Our phone lines are likely to be busier than usual at the moment so please refrain from ringing our Academies regarding school trips at this time. We will contact you as soon as we have any further information to share.

We would also encourage you to closely monitor the health of your child(ren) and if they show any symptoms, i.e. a new and persistent cough and/or high temperature, your child should be kept at home to self-isolate for seven days from when their symptoms started. You do not need to call NHS 111 unless their symptoms worsen. For medical emergencies dial 999. Further advice and support can be located on the NHS website (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>).

If a member of your family, living in the same household as the child(ren), is showing symptoms and following guidance has been forced to self-isolate, then unfortunately your child(ren) will not be able to attend the Academy for the period of that self-isolation.

In either circumstance, we would ask you to notify the Academy immediately, to allow us to take any necessary steps. As a Trust, we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Webster
Principal



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