

AWF/NPM

16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you are already aware, as of Thursday 12th March, Central Government's latest instruction is to keep schools open.

It is important that we take the correct steps to keep any potential risk to a minimum:

- If your child has a temperature or persistent cough, please keep them at home and isolate for 7 days. Use the NHS 111 online service (<https://111.nhs.uk/>) to seek medical advice in the first instance. Please phone the academy to inform us and keep in contact to let us know what is happening.
- Encourage high levels of hygiene and in particular, thorough hand washing for your family.

In addition, we are also taking steps to reduce all non-essential visitors to the academy over the coming weeks. This will include a range of agencies and providers. We also respectfully request that you avoid dropping in to academy reception and instead contact us by phone or email. Further to this, we are also reviewing all trips and visits that are viewed to be non-essential. Each visit is being reassessed on an individual basis and we will make informed decisions on the information that is presented. We have all postponed all sporting fixtures and will be reviewing our extra-curricular offer for the coming weeks.

We are reviewing the situation on a daily basis and taking advice from Public Health England, Department for Education and The Ormiston Trust, to ensure that the health and wellbeing of our community is of the highest priority.

I understand this is a difficult time for everyone but please be assured that we will be doing everything possible to keep you well informed.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fitzgibbon
Principal