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Dear Parents and Carers of EYFS students,

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Government's ongoing announcements regarding measures to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

As an Academy, the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider community is, as always, our absolute priority. We take our duty of care extremely seriously and every decision is made with the best interests of your children in mind. We are therefore, continuing to closely follow the latest advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England in what is a rapidly changing and developing situation.

Whilst the Government has not announced the widespread closure of schools, unfortunately, the cumulative impact of the latest, and more robust, self-isolation guidance, has led to significant levels of staff absence. Therefore, we have reluctantly taken the decision to temporarily close the Academy to pupils in EYFS.

This partial closure has become necessary, as we do not have the appropriate staffing levels to continue to deliver the provision we normally offer across the whole school.

We ask that pupils in EYFS do not come to school from Thursday 19th March 2020 until Thursday 2nd April 2020 and instead remain at home. As you will note, this period includes the Easter holiday which will run from Monday 6th April until Monday 20th April.

Other year groups will continue to attend the Academy as normal and we will keep you updated should this change. Whilst we understand this partial school closure will cause disruption for you and your family, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the temporary closure on your child's education.

Further information will follow with regards to how you can access home learning. However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N J Sayers
Principal

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