



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to update you on the academy's position regarding the Coronavirus. The spread of the virus and government advice on self-isolation is having a significant impact on staffing levels, meaning that the academy is unable to operate at full capacity. As a result, we have to consider how we can continue to deliver the very highest standards of both education and health and safety for students and staff.

Therefore, I have taken the decision to carry out a **partial school closure just for year 10 students from tomorrow**. This means that the academy will be open only to year groups 7, 8, 9 and 11 for the remainder of this week. We will be reviewing the situation daily and we will contact you if there are any changes to this position.

Staff used the time on Monday afternoon in order to make some key learning resources available for students in all year groups in the event of closure. These learning resources can be accessed online by following the instructions provided on the attached document. We expect that year 10 students will now access and follow these to give some continuity of learning.

I would like to stress to all parents that this is not a decision I have taken lightly and not a decision I want to make. However, in these unique and testing times we are having to make some very difficult decisions. We hope you can support us at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. H. Marsh', followed by a period.

Rob Marsh
Principal