

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus (COVID19) Update**

The Alumnis Multi Academy Trust Leadership Team (Chief Executive Officer, Headteachers and the Central Team) have been working closely together to ensure a sensible and measured, yet proactive response to the advice given to schools in relation to the Coronavirus by the Government and Public Health England.

Please note that the latest advice, given yesterday, was to self isolate for seven days in the event of a “new, continuous” cough or high temperature and to only contact 111 if symptoms worsen or families are concerned.

Pupil and staff well-being is paramount in order to safeguard all concerned. We continue to be proactive in following the latest advice, and at this stage, in line with governmental guidelines, we are continuing to remind children of the importance of good personal hygiene; washing hands regularly for at least 20 seconds, disposing properly of tissues and seeking support from school staff if they feel unwell. We ask for your support in reminding your child/ren of these important steps.

I can confirm there have been no known cases reported at any of our schools and we have not been made aware of any identified links to any confirmed cases. As such, we are keen to ensure that our children do not become worried and that they continue to be happy and thrive in our schools.

As part of the measures we have taken, we have created a detailed risk assessment as well as action plans to maintain learning in the event of closure. We have also responded to the latest governmental advice and have initiated plans that take account of: -

- Pupil and staff wellbeing
- Continuing to educate pupils on safe handwashing and personal care
- Liaising with our cleaning staff and external providers to ensure that their cleaning routines are in line with Public Health England advice
- Sharing hygiene expectations for visitors and contractors attending our school sites

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- Plans to deliver educational activities if any/all of the schools close, including the creation of a distance learning platform that includes age appropriate learning activities for each year group. This has been shared with all Trust staff. Individual Headteachers will share further details of how this will work in line with your school's communication platform. For those parents unable to access technology at home, packs containing learning activities can be made available as hard copies. Parents to whom this is applicable, should contact the school to make provision for this.

The Trust Leadership team continue to discuss the daily advice we are receiving from Public Health England and the DfE. Any actions required are addressed in line with the advice provided for all UK schools.

For information on school trips, please see individual school websites for further details. We will continue to work with our Educational Visits Coordinator and external providers and update you in response to any planned changes.

With the Easter holidays approaching we wish you a happy and safe time and would ask you to be mindful of the advice being given with regards to travel. The current advice can be found below as previously circulated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

As any further national guidance is given, or any changes made, we will endeavour to keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support.

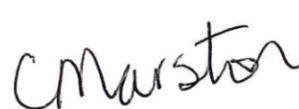
Yours faithfully,



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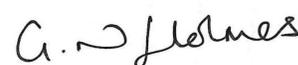
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