

27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent,

**Re: School Closures Update**

Regrettably, following the Prime Minister's [statement](#) on 27<sup>th</sup> January, the Academy will **not** be reopening to the majority of pupils immediately after the February half-term break.

At this stage, the Academy will remain closed to the majority of pupils until **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**, although this date is under constant review. My understanding is that if the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups by 15<sup>th</sup> February, then these groups will develop sufficient immunity to Covid-19 around three weeks later i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Government can then start to ease the current restrictions, beginning with the reopening of schools.

The Academy will continue to remain open **during term time only** to vulnerable pupils and pupils of key (critical) workers. In terms of those pupils eligible for free school meals, they will continue to be supported through the [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#) during holiday periods.

In terms of educational provision, the Academy will continue to operate remote learning through MS Teams. On this point, I would like to personally thank staff, pupils and parents for their endeavour, support and patience in the roll out of this provision.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal