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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these new and challenging times. We are trying to keep up with national directives as and when they arrive and will update you with important information and reminders via text message, via our social media platforms and via letter.

You will know that the information has at times been slightly conflicting, on Monday we were advised that those people in 'vulnerable groups' should be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures, this included people with learning difficulties. Despite this, we were told on Wednesday that schools should remain open for pupils with an EHCP, which in our case is all children with learning difficulties.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

My advice is for you to take sensible and measured action based on your child's individual needs and the health and wellbeing of those around you. Any absence from the Academy will be authorised from last Monday (9th of March) and so rumours that families will be punished for poor attendance at least over the next 8 weeks are simply untrue.

Can I remind you that the UK is doing all it can to stop the spread of a serious virus. We have a duty to reduce social contact with other people unless there are special circumstances.

If your child has underlying health conditions, illnesses linked to their immune system or any respiratory conditions I would recommend you seek advice from your doctor before you send them to school.

The Academy will be open for the next two days (19th/20th of March) **BUT WILL BE CLOSED** to all pupils on **MONDAY 23rd of March**. We will use this day to deep clean the Academy and prepare work to be sent home to those not attending, this will be sent via email to all parents.

The Academy will **reopen on Tuesday 24th March**.

The staff here are amazing and have been doing an amazing job, I have a duty to help keep them healthy and well, without them we will simply have to close for all children. I must therefore urge you NOT to send your child to school if they are showing ANY symptoms.

Thank you for your understanding, please keep yourself healthy and get in touch if you need anything at all.

Yours Sincerely

James Hutchinson
Headteacher

