



An Active Learning Trust School



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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus, including instructions that if a family member is self-isolating because of a new continuous cough or high temperature, in line with the NHS 'Stay at Home' guidance, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/ they should self-isolate together for 14 days.

As a result of this, unfortunately, due to high levels of staff absence, we are unable to safely open and operate the Academy. Therefore, we are having to take the difficult decision, after consulting with the Active Learning Trust and the Local Authority, to close as of Wednesday 18 March until the end of the Easter break. This means that students, at present, are not expected back at the Academy until Monday 20 April 2020. We appreciate that this is not ideal and we have tried to take all possible steps to remain open.

Please rest assured that we are working on a plan for providing students with work, both in the short and long term, which we will communicate with you within the next 24 hours.

We will continue to communicate with you via School Comms during this period of closure. If you have recently changed your email address or if you have not already provided the Academy with an email address on which you can be contacted, please update the Academy as a matter of urgency.

We would like to thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Wing", written in a cursive style.

Mr J Wing
Executive Principal