



Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to reassure you that Summit Learning Trust is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider academy community which is, as always, our top priority. These are difficult times, with government decisions being made on a daily basis, and we will continue to update our practice in line with advice.

We currently have no specific concerns about anyone within any of our Academy communities in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and all Academies remain open as usual.

The Trust will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes providing hand sanitiser throughout our academies and continuing to undertake additional regular cleaning of handrails, door handles and other contact points throughout the academies.

You may also be aware the Government issued updated guidance in other areas, which we are following. Should your child exhibit even mild signs of Covid-19, which has been defined as a **new, continuous cough or high temperature**, you should ensure they self-isolate for a period of 7 days. You should then **visit the NHS's website for advice (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) and not attend your local GP Surgery or A&E**. We would also ask that you notify your child's Academy immediately, to allow to us to take any necessary steps. **If your child does not have any symptoms, they should attend their Academy as usual, unless they have had close and direct contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus.**

Our staff have been advised that they must follow the same self-isolation advice. While there are no current concerns about anybody within any of our Academy communities, the new, stricter self-isolation guidance could result in staff shortages and should this happen, we may need to consider temporarily closing your child's Academy – although we'll do all we can to remain open. If this is the case, we will notify you of any closure in the usual way. For those parents of students in examination or test classes and year groups, rest assured that we will do everything we can to ensure that lessons continue for these students. We're putting together some really good resources for our students to access both online and in hard copy just in case.

As a Trust we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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