18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the updated Government directive on school opening we are taking the decision to close all Trust Schools from Friday until further notice. We have been planning for this eventuality for some time and have put in place measures to support your son/daughter in studying at home. These include:

- Trust wide on-line platform for learning
- Access to SAM learning
- Training for all pupils and staff on the use of the on-line platform
- Access to staff support through our on-line virtual learning environment

We will send out more information on Friday about how we would like your son/daughter to engage in this and will continue to keep our websites up-to-date with information. Please may I remind you that all Trust Schools are closing at lunchtime on Friday to all pupils. This is to enable us to fully train staff in the use of the on-line platforms and expectations for the coming weeks so that we can best support you and your son/daughter educationally through this difficult period.

As I am sure you are aware schools are asked to remain open for key categories of workers. These consist of health workers, police officers, supermarket delivery drivers and workers who look after the vulnerable and elderly in a professional capacity. If you feel that one of these categories applies, and you would like your child to remain at school during this closure, please could you check the latest Government advice for eligibility. The school can also offer provision to pupils who have an Education and Health Care Plan and any child who has a social worker assigned.

In order to ensure that we fully safeguard children we need to know in advance whether you wish to take up this provision and would expect your child to attend every day, all day unless they become ill or you wish to cease this service. In either of these cases we would expect you to contact the school. Please can we make you aware that no school buses will be running during this period and catering facilities will not be available but provisions will be in place for those in receipt of free school meals. We would expect pupils to attend in full school uniform and would continue to follow the behaviour expectations of the school.
If you intend to send your child to school throughout the closure and meet the categories mentioned above please can you complete the following registration form: https://lionheart.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/keyworker
Before 3 pm on Thursday 19th of March.

Again, we would like to thank you for your patience and continuing support. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

[Signature]
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