



# Edmonton Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you in uncertain times and certainly a period of considerable instability.

Our aim is always to remain open and to focus on providing the best quality education to your children. However, the Government has changed its advice to us all in that anyone with a new cough or a temperature is required to self-isolate. In addition, families are now being asked to self-isolate if any member shows any symptoms of a new cough or fever. Staff and children with underlying health conditions and pregnant women are also being directed to self-isolate because of the risks associated with the virus.

The impact of these announcements has led to a considerable increase in staff absence as well as pupil absence. Therefore, we have taken the decision that from Thursday 19 March 2020, Edmonton County School will be open to children in the Primary school and years 7, 11, 12 and 13 only. The school will close to all pupils Monday 23 March 2020.

We know that these arrangements are going to be very difficult for some families. We are thinking of parents who are health professionals, teachers, Police and key workers. If you are in one of these occupations and you need your child to be supervised during school hours, please will you contact your child's student manager or progress lead by 3pm on Friday 20 March 2020, so that from Monday 23 March 2020 we can try to make arrangements for your children to be supervised.

All students will be set work to complete at home and tasks will be uploaded onto Show My Homework shortly. Show My Homework will be updated regularly to create a sequence of work.

We are looking at the best way to provide for those children in receipt of free school meals. For tomorrow and Friday, if your child is in receipt of a free school meal, between 12 and 12.30pm they may come to school, wearing correct school uniform wearing their lanyard, to receive a sandwich meal, from a signposted at the front of the school.

I will keep you informed via our website.

Yours faithfully,

Dr S M Tranter  
Chief Executive of Edmonton Academy Trust