



Edmonton Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you with a further update on the impact of the coronavirus and our efforts to keep us all safe but also ensure that your children are able to attend school to continue their education.

These measures will be with immediate effect and remain until the end of term.

With immediate effect we are:

- Cancelling school assemblies as this eliminates some of the occasions where large groups of children are together in a confined space.
- Cancelling all after school clubs and activities, so that the work of staff can be contained and focused on essential school activities.
- Cancelling all parents' meetings- for example the year 10 curriculum evening on Thursday 19 March, year 11 PPE evening on Thursday 26 March.
- Cancelling all trips and visits.
- Withdrawing from all sporting events outside of the school.
- Postponing our planned Enrichment Day activities until next term.
- All staff training has been cancelled so that there is no unnecessary absence of teaching staff.
- Ensuring that there is additional cleaning of the school- in particular work surfaces and door handles to reduce infection spread.
- Working with our catering provider to see what changes can be made to provision to minimise the impact of the school being at lunch together.

The Government advice is:

- Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal.
- If staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.

I would appreciate it if parents would assess their child's health daily and if in doubt, please do not send your child to school. Similarly, if your child has an underlying health condition such as asthma, then increased vigilance is needed. Please report your child's absence as normal. If you are concerned that they may have coronavirus or are diagnosed with coronavirus please let us know.

We are preparing for the likely eventuality that we will be ordered to close the school and working to ensure that we will have work on Show My Homework for every class and for every child. Please will you check that you can log on to Show My Homework (via our website) and report any problems to your child's Student Manager or Progress Leader.

This is a very worrying and uncertain time for us all. We will do our best to ensure that the school remains open. This is so that your child's education can continue but also, parents are able to go to work. However, I ask for your help in managing this unprecedented and unpredictable situation. This is unlikely to be a short-term measure so we have to have plans to enable us to manage this situation throughout the next few months.

All updates will be on the website.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S M Tranter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr S M Tranter
Chief Executive of Edmonton Academy Trust