



Dear Parent/Carer

Partial Closure of the Academy – 18th March 2020

We have taken the decision to partially close the academy from tomorrow. The academy will be closed to Year 8 and 9 and will remain open for those in Years 7, 10 and 11.

This decision has been made on the basis of staffing levels and ensuring we have enough staff to support our students. We have a number of staff who are understandably absent from the academy who must work from home in line with government advice issued yesterday. This situation is unprecedented and I know many students, families and staff alike are presently very worried about the implications of the current outbreak. Please be assured that the academy is following all advice from Public Health England. We would like to stress that this decision has not been taken lightly and has been done after all the facts have been carefully considered with the safety and welfare of our community in mind.

Furthermore, the government advice issued yesterday states that any individual who is showing symptoms similar to COVID-19 must self isolate, as should all members of their household for fourteen days. If this situation applied to a member of your family please contact the academy so we can update our systems.

We will review the situation daily and keep parents informed via text and letter of any updates.

Please use the link below to get updates regarding Coronavirus:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Our number one priority is the wellbeing of our students and staff, so I hope parents and carers will understand our decision. However unlikely, if you or your child starts to feel unwell in the coming days, please follow Public Health England's advice and contact NHS 111.

Whilst the school is partially closed, parents and carers should visit the school website for updates

<https://www.theeastmanchesteracademy.co.uk/>

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Bowen
Academy Headteacher