

Dear parents, carers and young people

## School Closures

As a Trust we have been bitterly disappointed that we have been forced to close some provision to our young people.

We recognise the national need, and as such we are fully complying with the government's directive and guidance, this includes opening our doors to the following groups:

- Children and young people with an EHCP;
- Children and young people with a social worker; or are designated vulnerable by the school
- Children of key workers who can otherwise not be supervised during the school day.

We will continue to fight passionately to ensure as many young people as possible can safely access care within our schools.

The key to all our endeavours is **health** and **safety**.

In specialist provisions there are individual contextual considerations which drive, or influence, the ability to offer safe, and appropriately supported provision for our young people. Principals will be working closely with parents and carers to provide advice and guidance.

I know you will appreciate what a challenge this has been; but our incredible, amazing, dedicated staff are striving hard and relentlessly, to ensure we do the very best we possibly can for our children. I hope you are proud and supportive of the remarkable people who dedicate their lives for the benefit of all our children.

We are in the process of establishing some foodbanks across the trust; further information will follow- please watch out for updates on your child's school website.

Times will change rapidly and we will ensure our approach is shared widely via individual school websites; other social media links; and usual school communication trees. We have no indication at this point about the length of school closures, but will be working dynamically to continue our provision.

As soon as we are clear on cancelled assessments, qualifications and examinations, schools will update you; we appreciate it is a worrying time for our pupils and you as parents.

I wish you all well; keep safe and all the very best.

Yours sincerely,

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