

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This morning, we have been informed that overnight a member of one of the families in The Langley Academy was assessed by the Coronavirus Risk Assessment Team by telephone. They were informed that it is likely they have the virus given their symptoms. We believe that, based on DFE advice, it cannot be described as 'confirmed' as only those who are hospitalised are now tested. This is the government's methodology in managing the significant increase in the number of cases. The family are all in self-isolation following government guidelines.

The Trust have taken advice from Public Health England and as a result we are taking the precautionary measure of closing The Langley Academy Primary and The Langley Academy in order to carry out the recommended clean. Although this case is from The Langley Academy, we operate on the same site and our pupils and staff can cross over and so we are taking every precaution possible.

Therefore we must close and secure the site for 72 hours, as the amount of virus living on surfaces will have reduced significantly by 72 hours, before the deep cleaning can start. We anticipate cleaning will start on Sunday and hope to open again as soon as possible after that.

We will continue to keep you updated with regular emails and will update you as soon as we know when school is reopening.

We have prepared for both short and long term closure and continue to consider how we can best provide an education for all of our children in these very unpredictable circumstances.

We encourage you to stay calm. Our advice is that all children should stay at home and support the government policy on social distancing.

Please collect children at the end of the day as usual. We will inform children after lunch-time that we are closing.

I hope that you understand that the decision has not been taken lightly but we feel this is in the best interests of the school community and following government advice.

We look forward to welcoming you and the children back as soon as we can. Please look after one another and stay well.

Yours sincerely,



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