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**TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

Our Ref: SKN/lha

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **COVID-19 – Partial Academy Closure and Changes to Advice for Families**

Following the most recent advice from the Government and Public Health England in relation to self-isolation and household isolation, we have been made aware that there will be significant staff absence tomorrow and for the foreseeable future.

In order to preserve the safety of staff and students on site, **the Academy will be partially closed**. We will be **open for the following students only**:

- Students in Year 7 who are not in household isolation
- Students in Year 11 who are not in household isolation
- Students whose parents/carers are front line NHS or other Emergency Services staff who are not in household isolation

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should refer to their Show My Homework account for work to be completed at home.

We can assure you that at the time of writing we still have no reported cases of any student or staff member diagnosed with COVID 19 in any of the Cabot Learning Federation academies. We are continuing to follow the advice of Public Health England and will not fully close unless directed to do so.

Today the Government requested that we all make changes to our lifestyles. These are as follows:

1. Everyone to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel;
2. Anyone who has, or lives with someone who has **a cough or a temperature** should stay at home for **14 days**;
3. The Government clarified and extended its definition of vulnerable groups to include:
  - a. Citizens over 70-years-old
  - b. Citizens with relevant underlying health conditions
  - c. Pregnant women
  - d. Anyone in any of these groups should stay at home for 12 weeks of self-isolation
4. People should start working from home where they possibly can;
5. Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues;
6. Only use the NHS when we really need to, via online services if possible;
7. From tomorrow the Government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers

This means that if your child has a cough or a temperature, your whole family should stay at home for 14 days from when the condition developed. If your child is otherwise well, but a family member has a cough or a temperature, they **should not attend the Academy for 14 days**. You will not be penalised for this non-attendance at the Academy, however, we do ask that you **inform us directly of your need to isolate**. If your child has a relevant underlying health condition, they should begin a period of self-isolation for the next 12 weeks.

We understand that you, or your child, may be feeling anxious about the impact of absence on their learning. Information shared with you recently provided access to some online learning platforms; please do encourage and support your child to use these. Work for your child is available on Show My Homework.

**How can you support your child(ren):**

You can support your child(ren) by ensuring they have a note of passwords to their Microsoft 365 account and other online learning accounts (as noted in previous communication), where possible a quiet place to work in the home.

If you have any concerns regarding access to any of the above please contact [HWAClosure@clf.uk](mailto:HWAClosure@clf.uk)

Yours sincerely



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**Academy Principal**