

18 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Government's ongoing announcements regarding measures to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

As an Academy, the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and wider community is, as always, our absolute priority. We take our duty of care extremely seriously and every decision is made with the best interests of your children in mind. We are therefore, continuing to closely follow the latest advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England in what is a rapidly changing and developing situation.

Whilst the Government has not announced the widespread closure of schools, unfortunately, the cumulative impact of the latest, and more robust, self-isolation guidance, has led to significant levels of staff absence.

Therefore, we have reluctantly taken the decision to temporarily close the Academy to pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. This partial closure has become necessary, as we do not have the appropriate staffing levels to continue to deliver the provision we normally offer across the whole school.

**We ask that pupils in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 do not come to school from Thursday 19 March until Monday 20 April 2020 and instead remain at home. As you will note, this period includes the Easter holiday, which will run from Monday 6 April until Monday 20 April 2020.**

Other year groups will continue to attend the Academy as normal and we will keep you updated should this change.

Whilst we understand this partial school closure will cause disruption for you and your family, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the temporary closure on your child's education.

Despite partial closure, we are committed to supporting the local community especially working parents. We have limited capacity, however, should you still need to attend your place of work **and providing your child is showing no symptoms**, we will be able to provide supervision on our site during normal school hours.

If you intend to send your child into school so that you can attend your place of work, please email [closure@skegnessacademy.org](mailto:closure@skegnessacademy.org). This is a monitored email address and we will confirm we are happy/able to accept your child. This email address can also be used for any questions or queries you may have. Please ensure you include your child's full name in the subject of the email.

Students will be able to access work either through Microsoft Teams, or if you do not have internet access at home, a hard copy has been provided. The work is designed to maintain children's learning for approximately two weeks. Each pack will contain an information letter with instructions and further information on how to access additional learning through various websites and school IT.

However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Johnson', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Mr T Johnson  
**Principal**