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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you again today as a result of the emergency lockdown announcement yesterday evening by the Prime Minister. I am sure many of you will be anxious about the next steps that will be taken by the Government and the measures going forwards. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that once again we will do everything that we can to maintain the safety of all staff and students across the Trust.

From today all of our academies will be closed in line with government guidance **except for children of key workers and vulnerable children** until February half term.

At this stage we don't know whether there will be any further changes to the guidance, but we will, of course, keep you updated. Please ensure that you continue to check your academy's website for the latest information. Each academy will be sharing letters with parents regarding the specific arrangements for your child's education, so please look out for this communication. You will also be aware that academies are now making provision for COVID-19 testing and further information regarding this will also be shared directly with you over the coming days.

We will be doing everything possible to help minimise the disruption to learning for all our pupils. For those not coming into school, we will ensure that remote learning is provided and details of this will be shared with you directly from the relevant academy. This work and your child's progress will be monitored regularly by staff members from the school.

These are unprecedented and challenging times but we are committed to your child's education through remote learning and caring for those who will continue to attend school.

We appreciate this continues to be a very difficult and worrying time for everyone, and we appreciate your support and patience as we work through all the details.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Findlay-Cobb'.

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