

29th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your continued support whilst we manage the wider opening of the academy from 1st June.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back. If you have a look on our twitter page later tonight we have taken photos / videos of the school environment – you may wish to share with your children prior to them starting.

In the first letter we shared the time and drop off point - nothing has changed since we sent this out. Please could I ask that you do keep to the times and that only one parent accompanies your child.

We have been supported by St Bart's Multi-Academy Trust with some additional precautionary measures which I hope will offer you further reassurance.

As children and staff enter the school in the morning temperatures will be taken using a non-invasive thermometer which points to the forehead and does not contact the skin. A temperature check will also be taken during the day. Any child with a temperature above 37.5 degrees will be sent home to be monitored by you. Also any staff member with a temperature above 37.5 degrees will be sent home. **Please do share with your children that Mrs Weaver or Mr Cameron will be at the entrance with gloves and mask on to take their temperature**

Could I remind you that the children need to bring their dinners in a disposable bag and also bring a water bottle each day and a healthy snack for morning break. Please can the children bring in food items that they can easily open themselves and disposable cutlery if they need a spoon etc.

Children cannot bring in their bikes or scooters for the foreseeable future.

We then ask that you follow the government guidance set out below.

- *When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.*
- *All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.*
- *Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.*
- *Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.*
- *The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.*
- *As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will*

conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.

- *In some cases, a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.*

In addition, St Bart's have purchased additional fogging equipment to support a deep clean every Friday. This will be used by our cleaning teams once the school has been vacated. This is on top of our lunchtime clean and deep clean each night. Staff will also be regularly cleaning during the day.

As always, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wheaver