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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are aware the government has issued the following directive:

*After schools shut their gates on Friday afternoon, they will remain closed until further notice except for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.*

In line with this directive the Academy will close on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and will remain closed until further notice. A great deal of time and effort has been put into the on line distance learning resources which are available on our website. I would ask and encourage you to ensure your child is keeping up with their studies at this difficult time. Resources will be updated and changed on a regular basis by teaching staff. I would remind you to please check back to the website regularly as all latest updates and information will be held there.

Following the latest government announcement requesting schools to remain open for key worker's children. Latest government information advises the following:

***If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.***

***That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

This is something we are fully supportive of and ready to provide. We will be providing a supervised learning environment for your child where they can access the on line work already provided. To enable us to ensure we have the correct staffing ratio can I ask that you contact the academy by 2pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to inform us which government identified categories of key worker you fall under and that you wish to take up the offer of your child been in the academy. To ensure we can safeguard your child if you take up the offer of attending the Academy, it is expected that your child will attend every day following normal academy opening hours (8-30 am until 2.50pm). Students who attend the academy will be expected to arrive in full uniform. As you will be aware this offer is limited to key workers only and evidence of which category you fall under may be requested. The latest information we have from government on who is included in the list can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

These are very challenging times and by working together I am sure we can support each other in getting through this. If we can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your Sincerely

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**Principal**  
**For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust**

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