



12 May 2020

Dear parent/carer

**Re: Academy closure update**

I hope you and your family continue to be safe and well during this exceedingly challenging time.

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday 10 May 2020 and the subsequent guidance for schools which was released yesterday evening. At the current time there has been **no change** to the guidance for secondary schools. We will, therefore, continue to offer daily provision for children of key workers and children identified as vulnerable by the government.

If you are a key worker and require a place for your child due to work commitments please email [safeguarding@dukeries.atrust.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@dukeries.atrust.org.uk) or ring 01623 860545. You will be asked to complete and return a short form indicating which days you need your child to attend. Please note that the definition of a 'key worker' has not changed and can be found at:

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

The full published guidance to educational settings can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

Guidance for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

I will be working with colleagues at the Academy and Academy Transformation Trust to fully review these new guidance documents and develop robust plans which will allow us meet the expectations set out by the government for provision after 1 June 2020; *'secondary schools and colleges to offer some face to face support for children and young people in year 10 and year 12 to supplement their remote education'*.

The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff will be central to any plans we make. I can assure you that we will only re-open The Dukeries Academy when I am satisfied that we can, as far as possible, minimise risk. I will update you on the progress of our planning next week.

In the meantime please continue to support your child/children in completing the Home Learning activities being set by Academy staff on the Show My Homework platform. You can also keep up to date with the work of the Academy by following us on Twitter @DukeriesAcademy and on Facebook.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ged Rae', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ged Rae  
Principal