



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the government has now directed that all schools in England are to close due to the corona virus.

Today is the last day that most of your children will attend school for some time, as our academies close to all but a very small number of pupils. We don't know how long it will be before we are able to welcome them back to their Academy.

I know that this is particularly hard for those pupils in Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13, all of whom are leaving without taking their long prepared-for tests or examinations, and without the usual and formal end of year goodbyes and traditions. Their teachers are very sad to see them go. However, I'm confident that the hard work they have put in over the last few years will stand pupils and students in good stead and that they will have the bright futures they deserve.

As soon as the government decides how to approach the matter of awarding GCSE and A level qualifications, your Academy will be in touch to let you know how this will work. Teachers and leaders at your child's Academy have worked incredibly hard over the last few days to put together a range of online learning and, for primary pupils, work that pupils can take home. It is really important that all pupils try as hard as they can to complete some work during their time at home. We are so proud of the hard work our pupils have done this year, and we want to make sure that their learning continues as much as possible over the next few weeks. Please encourage them to do this so that they don't fall behind.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, your Academy will be in touch with you to explain how we will support you with vouchers during the next few days, whilst the government organises the national vouchers scheme.

All our Academies and Summit Learning Trust will keep parents and carers updated regularly via the school websites, and other communications. Should you have any concerns or queries please address these to your child's Academy in the first instance. I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support for your child's Academy at this difficult time.

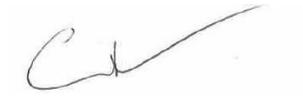
We all hope that the national situation improves as quickly as possible and that we can get back to normal.

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In the meantime, I send you and your families all my best wishes for good health and safety over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Anwar', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Catherine Anwar
CEO
Summit Learning Trust