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Dear Governor,

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. Each academy will be sharing letters with parents regarding the specific arrangements for education directly with parents.

There remain many unanswered questions that we are seeking clarity on through partner organisations and relevant bodies including the provision of Testing within our academies. As always we will continue to operate in line with guidance and seek appropriate information where needed.

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 parents directly from the relevant academy. This work and progress will be monitored regularly by staff members.

All of the teams are working very hard to ensure that parents, staff and students have all of the support that they need to see them through the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support over the past months.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Findlay-Cobb Chief Executive Officer

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