

18 March 2020

Dear Parents/carers

This morning, we have been informed by one of our families that overnight a family member was assessed by the Coronavirus risk assessment team by telephone. They were informed that it is likely they have the virus given their symptoms. We believe that, based on DFE advice, it cannot be described as 'confirmed' as only those who are hospitalised are now tested. This is the government's methodology in managing the significant increase in the number of cases. The family are all in self-isolation following government guidelines.

We have taken advice from Public Health England and as a result we are taking the precautionary measure of closing The Langley Academy and The Langley Academy Primary in order to carry out the recommended clean. We must close and secure the site for 72 hours, as the amount of virus living on surfaces will have reduced significantly by 72 hours, before the cleaning can start. We anticipate cleaning will start on Sunday and hope to open again as soon as possible after that. We will update you as and when required.

We have been preparing for both short and long term closure and how we can best provide an education for all of the young people in these very challenging circumstances.

We will be providing further details for you as parents and for the children as students, including our most vulnerable in further communication later today.

Our advice is that all of the children should stay at home and support the government policy on social distancing.

We will start to release them from 11.45 am today.

I hope that you understand that the decision has not been taken lightly but in the best interests of the school community.

We look forward to welcoming students back as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher