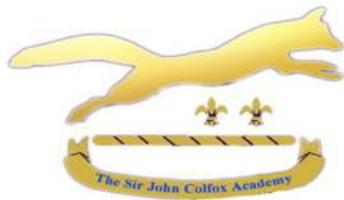


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents

With the latest Government announcement I thought I would clarify The Sir John Colfox's position. We still remain closed with the exception of key workers, EHCP and vulnerable pupils. We are not open to pupils whose parents work in non-essential occupations who the Government have said may return to work from today Monday 11 May. This is so we can protect the staff, students and families.

The announcement suggested that the Government is considering starting to open some schools from 1 June 2020. At the moment this would not include Secondary schools and only some years in Primary. The Government gave some indication that Year 10 and 12 might be able to have some contact with their teachers before the summer holidays but I am still awaiting guidance on when and how this might be put into place.

I have been working on several plans based on these scenarios to ensure that we can keep social distancing and provide the correct protective equipment to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. Until this is in place I would not allow students to come back as we need to ensure we protect everyone from the virus.

I know as a parent myself that many of you will be worried about sending your child to school even with the precautions we will put in place. I am sure many discussions will take place before we begin to have students back into schools and have some more guidance to share with you. In the meantime we are putting all our efforts into supporting your child at home with our work on Teams or through the packs produced for those without access to computers or the internet. We are trying to get this working better and I hope that the guidance sent out last week might be helping you and your child with home schooling and thank you again for all your help with this.

I will be in contact again when I have more information but at the moment nothing has changed and the school remains closed.

I am convinced that by us all following this we have managed to protect the NHS and saved lives. Schools are not immune from the virus so we must ensure that safety of staff, students and families remain at the heart of any decision made.

Take care of yourselves and your families during the next phase of this pandemic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Shelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Adam Shelley
Headteacher