

Monday 16th March

Dear Parent/Carer

The Sentamu Academy Learning Trust (SALT) is actively monitoring the situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and following the advice given by Public Health England and specific advice provided for schools by the Department for Education.

As you will be aware from the significant media coverage, the information and advice relating to the Coronavirus is changing daily. I want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the updates that we receive from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) and that we continue to follow their advice fully.

Promoting good personal hygiene

At present, we are promoting good personal hygiene, particularly the importance of regular hand washing for all pupils, staff and visitors to the academy. To support this, we have placed posters promoting good hand hygiene in key areas, including all toilets, and ensured that we have a plentiful stock of hand wash and sanitiser available.

Further government advice

If your child has any underlying health conditions, please continue to follow the guidance provided by Public Health England www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england

How we will keep you informed

At this moment in time, the very clear guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England is for schools to remain open. However, should this change requiring us to implement a full or partial closure of the school, we will keep you fully informed through Marvellous Me and our website.

It is vital that your contact details are up-to-date, including an alternative emergency contact. An emergency contact form is attached for you to complete and return to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 18th March at the latest.

Access to work resources

Staff are preparing work which will be provided for your child in the event of a school closure. If we must implement these arrangements, we will provide you with further information via the methods mentioned above. We will also forward information to an email address your child can access and ask that you add this email address to the emergency contact form.

School Trips/Parents' Evening

As you are aware, as a precautionary measure I have made the decision to cancel parents' evening meetings this week and all trips out of school until after the Easter holidays.

Parents accessing the school site

As a precaution, we are asking that parents leave their children at their classroom door, including in our EYFS classroom. Also, if someone who is dropping off or picking your child up from school has recently been out of the country, please ensure that they follow the Government guidelines regarding self-isolation.

Please be assured that we are following all the advice that we receive and are doing everything that we can to prepare as this advice changes. I would like to thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Daniels