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Dear parents/ carers,

We are all facing difficult and challenging times and as we have the reality of school closures ahead I want to write to you on behalf of the Windsor Academy Trust (WAT), the Multi-Academy Trust of which your child is a part.

On each school website your Headteachers have been keeping you up to date with information on a daily basis as we have followed events and advice from the Government. The school leaders are the people you know and trust, who know your children and lead their school day-to-day and they will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

Windsor Academy Trust is a family and we work very closely as a team, supporting each other, to ensure that all WAT schools are providing the best possible school experience for all of the pupils within our family. Teachers and support staff have been working extremely hard to ensure that schools have been as calm and as purposeful as possible and they will continue to do so to ensure the best for your children.

These are challenging times for schools and within WAT, we have been working together to make sure that no school is isolated or alone in pursuing our two aims at this time, which are;

- Keeping people safe and supporting each other
- Ensuring that all pupils are supported to continue to learn

You will have heard the announcement from the Government yesterday that **schools will close to pupils until further notice from the end of school on Friday 20th March**. In the coming weeks, schools will take on a different role in support of the national effort to manage Coronavirus, and this means that we will continue to offer full time provision for the children of key workers and for vulnerable children as requested by the Government.

We have been working together to ensure that your children have access to online learning so that we can continue to support them whilst they are at home. Where some children do not have access to devices or the internet we are providing these resources and our curriculum is available during the closures. It is important to us that your children are able to carry on learning and our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that this is in place for our WAT family of schools. **Please see on the home page of each school website support and guidance for parents and children to aid remote learning.**

What can you do to help?

There are many ways in which we can work together within our communities in the coming weeks. The two key priorities, in line with ours are as follows;

- **If your child has, or develops, a cough or a temperature, you must ensure that they do not attend school. This is also the case for Key workers.** This is essential. As we work to keep our schools serving our communities, we do need the support and cooperation of families to ensure that children are not exposed to those with symptoms.
- **Support your child to continue learning.**
 - It would help your child if you are able to create routine and structure to the day and y5-13 to join their google classroom for lessons they would usually have at that time
 - If possible, find a quiet place for them to complete work from school
 - If you are having difficulties in accessing the work, let your school know

Thank you in advance for your continued support and I would also like to thank those parents who have sent positive messages to their schools during this extraordinary time – our staff in schools are passionate about doing the best for you children and we appreciate the feedback.

I wish you and your family good health over the coming period and hope that we can return to school as we know it as soon as possible.

Latest updates will be available via school websites.

Yours faithfully

Keith Sorrell
Chief Executive Officer

* Please see link to the government website which defines Key Workers
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>