



19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT – SCHOOL CLOSURE – PLEASE READ

Further to the communication we sent out on Tuesday 17 March 2020, you will now all be aware that the Government has announced that all schools will close from Friday 20 March 2020. This is to support the national effort to manage the spread of the coronavirus.

Our school will be closed to ALL PUPILS (including children of key workers) from Monday 23 March 2020 until further notice.

The Local Authority has advised us today (Thursday 19 March 2020) that they are implementing local civil contingency responsibilities in order to ensure childcare is available for children classified as ‘vulnerable’ and those whose parents are key workers (we are currently awaiting a definition from Government of who key workers are). Once we have an update on what this provision will look like, we will be in touch again to provide further details of how Appleton Academy and our Trust will assist in this effort. The Local Authority will also be implementing provision for children in receipt of free school meals.

For families who are not classified as key workers and do not have vulnerable children, the period of school closure is unknown but it is likely to be substantial.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you and that you regularly check the Academy website and social media channels for further updates.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Jones'.

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher