



Our Ref: AJC/NC

20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Academy Closure from Monday 23 March 2020**

In line with the Government directive, the Academy will be closed from Monday 23 March until further notice. Advice from the Department for Education is that parents should keep their children at home and do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue the spread of the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

### **Work for Students**

All pupils have been provided with a work pack. If your child has not received their work pack due to recent absence, please contact the academy to arrange for collection or for the pack to be sent to you. In addition, we have added a new section to our web-site, called, 'Student Zone.' There is a tab for each year group, which outlines the main overview of what tasks and activities the pupils should be completing. We will update this section on a regular basis, providing as many activities as we can. Please note, most year groups have been provided with information relating to useful websites and resources.

### **Vulnerable students and Key Workers**

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response can be supported at the Academy, if your child cannot be safely cared for at home. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. The following link will provide you with a list of key workers and government advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**If you need to access this provision please contact us by text using the MyEd app, e-mail [enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk) or phone 01469 572368 to confirm if your child will be attending the Academy.**

Students using this service whilst the Academy is closed must attend in full Academy uniform. The Academy will operate the usual opening hours and all procedures relating

to students will operate as normal. Children should enter the academy and be collected from the academy at the normal times, via Main Reception.

### **Students on Free School Meals**

Our food provider, Aspens will provide a packed lunch for students on Free School Meals. These will be available to collect from the Academy on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 11.45am and 12.45pm. The lunches will be distributed from the back of the kitchens. Please walk through the main car park at the front of the academy and head through the large wooden gates, where you will be greeted by a member of the Aspens team. Food will be available for students entitled to Free School Meals and for other students they can choose to have either a sandwich or a jacket potato which will need to be paid for in advance on the Aspens website. <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk/schools/reynolds-academy>

### **Reception**

We would urge parents not to attend the Academy for any reason, other than if you are dropping off or collecting your children, and to contact us either via [enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pilgrimacademy.co.uk) or by telephoning 01469 572368. If you have to visit reception, please observe social distancing by remaining 2 metres away from our staff.

Can I please ask that you regularly check our website for updates on this ever changing situation.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support at such a difficult and challenging time.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Clark  
Principal  
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