

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that the Christmas break was enjoyable despite the restrictions that we are all currently facing.

As I am sure you are aware from the media reports over the last few days, there has been significant action taken by many of the teaching unions which may affect our ability to open the academy as planned on Monday 4th January.

Whilst we have robust risk assessments in place and consider our school to be a safe place to learn, we also must have enough staff available to teach your child on site.

Our intention is, as directed by the government and in line with public health advice, to open as planned. However, this is a fast changing situation and we cannot rule out the possibility of some children being sent home due to staffing levels. In this eventuality, children will engage in online remote learning.

The academy will continue to remain open to all vulnerable children and the children of key workers.

Given that the situation is constantly changing, I would therefore ask that you plan for every eventuality in relation to childcare. We will do all that we can to prioritise the opening of the academy to all children as planned. Decisions will always be made as soon as we are able to but may be as late as when you are dropping your child off.

We will endeavour to work through this as quickly as possible and communicate future arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Skirrow

Principal