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Sunday 3rd January 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that from tomorrow, Monday 4th January 2021, **Ash Croft Academy will only open to vulnerable pupils and children of key worker families**. All other pupils should stay at home until further notice. If you feel your child is vulnerable or has a parent who is classed as a key worker and need to request a place for your child then please contact the academy by email using info@ashcroft.theharmonytrust.org or alternatively telephone the school office and leave a voice message.

This has been a difficult decision to make, the education of all our pupils remains our highest priority. However, a number of our staff members are following the advice of their unions and will not be returning to work due to the increasing concerns related to Coronavirus. This is a situation that is happening in many schools across the country and we must respond accordingly. We must prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, children and their families and following our Risk Assessment of the situation we do not have sufficient staff to be able to open the academy to all pupils.

From Monday 4th January, we will be following Government guidance and providing remote learning to all our children. Your child will be given task to complete and short updates from their teacher using Purple Mash. Your child should know their log in details but if you need support please contact the academy.

As the situation is dynamic and changing rapidly we will continue to keep parents informed and updated in a timely manner. If you have any questions then please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support at what remains a challenging time for all.

Antony Hughes
CEO