

Wellspring Academy Trust  
Digital Media Centre  
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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: Covid-19 Update**

I am writing to thank you for your understanding and patience during these difficult times. We have been fully open, fully closed, partially open and partially closed since returning in September. I hope you and your family are healthy and keeping safe?

From Monday we will only have 1 staff precautionary self-isolating due to external factors and we remain with 0 positive cases from students and 0 from leaders despite the inaccurate report in the local paper. All three sites Phoenix, Park and Sevenhills are fully open, staffed and offering a full time offer. Whilst we understand it is an anxious time and nationally the virus is still very much about on site attendance is expected in line with our site risk assessment.

If there are medical reasons for shielding, other vulnerable circumstances that prevent attendance or you have general anxiety about attending school please contact our Parent Support Advisor to discuss these because we want to help and support you with them.

We have made our best efforts to ensure technology is provided and virtual teaching takes place in the event of closure, whilst we appreciate this is disruptive and not ideal we are taking every step to ensure our staff and students remain safe. We have continued to provide Free School Meals during this time and our leaders are monitoring the quality of virtual sessions.

We will shortly be contacting you to arrange a progress review which will be held virtually due to current restrictions on visitors on site. This will be a great opportunity to assess where we are now, how we are feeling and discuss any plans for the future and offer you the opportunity to share any feedback with us as we look to further improve our Academies.

The Academies will be closing 3pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for half term, please keep following Government guidance and social distancing to remain safe during this time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Hutchinson  
Executive Principal