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Dear Parents

Coronavirus: updated information for all Magna Learning Partnership schools and college

I am writing to you regarding the current situation on the Coronavirus and its implications for schools and colleges. We are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education and from Public Health England. We are following any advice they and other government departments provide for us. Information and links are posted on the Magna Learning Partnership website.

You will be aware that whilst Italy is now on a lockdown, with schools and colleges closed, the UK government has yesterday announced that we will remain in the 'containment' phase of its four part plan so there is no change or requirement for schools to do anything differently this week. Currently there are school and college trips going ahead, events happening across the Trust and it is business as usual, apart from the necessary cancellation of an Easter holiday ski trip to Italy for one of our schools.

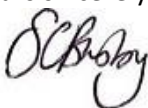
However, we need to be aware that if the government feel it necessary to move into the 'delay' phase, closing schools and colleges is part of the action that might be considered. All our academies are putting into place arrangements to ensure that in the event of a school or college closure, learning and in particular, preparation for SATS, GCSEs, A Levels and vocational qualifications can continue. Staff will therefore be in communication with students, setting work and in some cases continuing with taught lessons on line. Each academy in the Trust will ensure that there is information for you about their specific arrangements on their websites and learning portals. Pupils and students with upcoming public examinations should make sure that they have their books and exam preparation folders and revision guide accessible for them at home.

In the meantime, regular and thorough hand washing is the most important thing we can do. All academies in the Trust are taking rigorous hygiene precautions and we ask that you continue to emphasise the importance of good hygiene with your child.

We have had no reports of anyone being in contact with any confirmed cases of Coronavirus but we would of course, take action if that happens. All schools and colleges are instructed to communicate with Public Health England before considering a closure, whether it is for a day for a deep clean or for a longer period. In the event of this happening, we will contact you by email and communicate via the websites and via social media.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries. Please email Lynne Carley, Executive Assistant to the CEO at lcarley@magnalearningpartnership.org.uk and she will either answer your query or direct it to the most appropriate person in your child's school or college to do so. The schools and the college will provide you with any information specific to their arrangements should this be necessary.

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Busby
Chief Executive Officer