

13 March 2020



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

The Consortium Academy Trust (TCAT) is actively monitoring the situation around the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and following the advice given by Public Health England and specific advice provided for schools by the Department for Education. Each academy within the Trust has specific procedures in place to follow this guidance and at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College this is as follows:

I would like to provide you with an update on our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to the academy which may occur as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As you will be aware from the significant media coverage, the information and advice relating to the Coronavirus is changing daily and I want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the updates that we receive from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) and we continue to follow their advice fully.

Promoting good personal hygiene

At present, we are promoting good personal hygiene, particularly the importance of regular hand washing for all students, staff and visitors to the academy. To support this, we have placed posters promoting good hand hygiene in key areas, including all toilets, and ensured that we have a plentiful stock of hand wash available. We have affixed dispensers, containing antibacterial hand sanitiser, at our main entrance/exit points.

Further government advice

If your child has any underlying health conditions, please continue to follow the guidance provided by Public Health England – <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

How we will keep you informed

At this moment in time, the very clear guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England is for schools to remain open. However, should this change, and we be required to implement a full or partial closure of the academy, we will keep you fully informed via **SchoolComms**. It is vital that your contact details are up-to-date, including an alternative emergency contact. Emergency contact forms will be sent out to you for checking next week. Notifications and updates will also be posted on our academy website and social media.

Access to work resources

Staff are preparing work which will be provided for your child in the event of an academy closure. If we must implement these arrangements, we will provide you with further information using the communication methods described above.

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To support your child, please check that they can log on to their Google Drive account from home as some staff will be posting work here in the event of a closure. In addition, your child should check with their teachers that they have login details for the range of online learning resources we subscribe to, including Seneca Learning, Maths Watch, Kerboodle etc. If you do not have regular access to the internet, we will endeavour to provide your child with enough printed resources. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the academy.

Please be assured that we are following all the advice that we receive and doing everything that we can to prepare as this advice changes. I would like to thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Wilson', written in black ink.

Mr S Wilson
Headteacher