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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the recent announcement from the Secretary of State for Education, endorsed by the Prime Minister, that all schools in England must close in our nation's efforts to contain the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of the closure of The Mosley Academy.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts on us all. This letter is to advise you a little further on this matter, and to explain our next steps. We know that you understand that we are receiving information no sooner than you are at home (sometimes in the middle of the night!), and that as the guidance and expectations of us change, so our approach will have to change. In short, bear with us and let's pull together!

The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Limited continued provision for identified pupils in school:

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be able to come into school. **Government** examples of these key workers are:-

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms-length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

We need to identify which children will still be in school from Monday in order to plan effective staffing and planning for the education of this group of children. Children in school will be expected to undertake the activities provided for those who will be learning from home, but accommodated and supported by my colleagues in school.

You will appreciate that catering arrangements are still to be confirmed. Choices will inevitably be limited, and children are welcome to bring packed lunches with them. Please be advised that provision will be made for children eligible for free school meals.

If a child still attending school develops symptoms of the virus, or members of their household do, you must let us know immediately and they must self-isolate away from school for fourteen days as required.

We would appreciate your cooperation to ensure applications are only received from families who do not have any other option in the form of childcare and where one parent is employed in key worker roles.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

If your child has an EHCP or a social worker, we are not assuming that they will be in school so please let us know whether they will be attending or not.

Please email office@mosley.staffs.sch.uk if this is a service you will require, stating your child/ren's name / Reason for attendance: Key worker and the role held. EHCP / Social worker. Please ensure your role matches one of the listed jobs if you are making a request. Please email by **12 noon today**. Sorry for this short timescale but due to the Government delay we have only just been able to put this letter together.

This provision may change in the forthcoming days and weeks as the situation changes. Such changes will include different staffing and even potentially a different, but nearby, school. We must make it clear that minimal staff will be allowed into school. If your child comes into school under the 'key worker' provision **this does not mean they will be getting one to one teaching from their teacher**. Again, please bear with us through this difficult situation.

Provision for our pupils not in school:

As you know our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their learning at home.

In order to maintain contact throughout this period staff will be using the class email address that will be sent on a separate email to you. Please follow the guidelines set out in the message about these class email addresses. The office@ emails will also be checked throughout each day if you need to get in touch with the school or myself.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via Parent Mail and through social media and the school website.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. We spoke to all of the children yesterday about the situation to reassure them as much as we can. We all hope to be back to normal as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher