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Dear Parent/Carer

**Coronavirus School Closure and Update**

Further to my previous letter of 20th March 2020, outlining Government guidelines around the closures of schools, I am writing to keep you further updated with our arrangements at this time, and following the more recent Government announcement on 23rd March 2020 around even more stringent closures of businesses and social-distancing in light of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak.

During this time, Pivot Academy/Pivot Academy Leeds East is closed and your child will not be required to attend, in line with Government guidance.  Guidance is also that every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be. However, if you have any concerns around this please do contact us to discuss.

We recognise that the implications of school closure are huge for many of our families. During the closure we have implemented twice weekly welfare calls as well providing learning packs and online learning as outlined in my letter of 20th March 2020.

For free schools meals we will be sending out vouchers for those eligible. Please contact us if there are any issues with this using the contact numbers below.

01484 766350 / 07960 695096 (Kirklees) or 0113 320 4069 / 07539 832764 (Leeds)

We must strongly advise to adhere to Government advice regarding social-distancing for your child and yourselves. The latest guidance is that nobody should be out in groups of more than two (except from same household), and only for one hour per day for exercise such as a walk, not to go to parks and playgrounds, only shop for essential items once per day including essential groceries and medicine, or to seek medical attention if necessary. **Young people should not be socialising with other young people outside of their own household, and we must strongly advise you to enforce this.** If we reasonably believe that young people are not following social-distancing and/or self-isolation (where applicable) guidance, we reserve the right to refuse entrance to school premises on this basis and review the way in which we would then conduct visits/contact. We understand this can be difficult, but the advice is crucial to follow to protect your young person, yourselves, our other young people, and our staff who continue to work in this challenging time. More information on this can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> and we will continue to keep our website up to date with all of the guidance issued by the Government.

All online learning can be accessed at <https://pivot-group.uk/blog/learning-at-home/>

Please check your phone on a daily basis as messages via school pod will provide updates and will be used as the main form of communication during this time. All communication will also be uploaded to our website on [www.pivot-group.uk](http://www.pivot-group.uk). Arrangements for re-opening will also be communicated via this method.

Additional support is also available through our website links which we are keeping updated, and if you or your young person needs any assistance or support with wellbeing at this challenging time, help and advice can also be sourced through <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event of any questions, or if you or your young person require any additional support at this time.

Yours sincerely

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