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Dear Parent/Carer

**Coronavirus Arrangements 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, however, Pivot Academy/Pivot Academy Leeds East has remained open for some pupils and we will continue to be able to provide care for your child during this period, in line with Government guidance.

However, guidance remains that that every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be, so please do confirm to us if you wish to keep your child home during this period and we will work with parents/carers on a case by case basis on any specific concerns.

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. 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.

School remains open Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm. This arrangement will be reviewed on a regular basis and we will be in touch week commencing 30th March with further information.

Welfare calls will also continue for those children not attending, and information on this, and other arrangements will be on our website at [www.pivot-group.uk](http://www.pivot-group.uk)

For those choosing to keep your child at home, we have made various arrangements for home learning which can be found here - <https://pivot-group.uk/blog/learning-at-home/>

Please check your phone on a daily basis as text messages to provide updates will be used as the main form of communication during this time.

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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