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Dear Parent/carers

Can I first of all thank you on behalf of all the staff at Brigantia Learning Trust for the support and the raft of positive comments we have received in relation to the provision we are providing for those pupils and students whose parents/carers are critical key workers and also for those deemed to be the most vulnerable in our academy and local communities.

I am very heartened by the fact that the vast majority of parents and carers are clearly heeding the government's advice by keeping their children at home wherever possible. This has meant that as a Trust we can reduce the number of staff needed to provide the necessary provision required in these difficult and challenging times.

As a result, as of tomorrow all students/pupils who require some form of education provision will be able to access this from the Hinde House Primary site, which is situated on Bracken Road, Sheffield, S5 6FH. This means that the Yewlands, Longley Park Sixth Form and Hinde House Secondary sites will be closed to students. Although reduced in size, the staff on duty in the secondary phase will be from both secondary academies to ensure there is a familiar face for the students. I must also reassure parents/carers that the significant pastoral support that each of our academies provide is still available through virtual means, including counselling/mentoring and other care services. The students who physically cannot attend the Hinde House Primary site because of transportation issues should contact the Trust Actionline on actionline@brigantiastrust.net or contact 0114 2329017.

Each day breakfast will be available from 8:30am and a free lunch will be provided. The day will finish at 3.00pm and any students transported will be returned to the point of pick up.

I am extremely pleased to inform parents/carers whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals that by now you should have received a text or e-mail to provide you with a voucher, which can be used in any of the following supermarkets: Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys or Morrisons. This voucher can be used either online or in store when you are undertaking your essential shopping, which is permitted under the government's new restrictions. If you are not in receipt of this voucher yet, please contact the same e-mail address as detailed above. This service is obviously available for all pupils/students in receipt of FSM, not just those attending provision on site each day. This will stop the need for parents and children travelling to the academy site to pick up grab bags each day.

Throughout all our work in trying to provide a service for our communities we are adhering to the social distancing and hygiene guidance provided by central government. This includes rotating the classrooms being used, using separate entrances for primary and secondary/Post 16 aged students, making sure children and staff are a good distance apart in lessons and regular cleaning of the academy site. The government's increased restrictions and their requirement for social isolation has played a big part in our decisions to date.

We realise that by having to reduce the sites in operation we may be making it slightly more difficult for some parents/carers and children. We have not taken this decision lightly and we have consulted with the Local Authority to ensure it is in keeping with their own expectations and guidance. We will do everything we can to make this provision and transition as effective and efficient as possible and hope you can continue

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to support the Trust and academy in doing the very best we can to look after and keep your children safe in these very challenging and worrying times.

Please remember, where ever possible keep your children at home and do not allow them to socialise unnecessarily with people, other than those who live in your household.

Best Wishes

Mike Westerdale
Brigantia Learning Trust CEO

Stay Home Stay Safe

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