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24th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: COVID-19

Thank you to all parents who contacted us following my last letter and for your continued support and understanding during these very challenging times. In response to last night's directive from the Government, and following guidance from the Local Authority, it is necessary for Foundry College to review its position once again.

On Monday, onsite provision or face to face tutoring, was being delivered to 29 of our students and remote learning arrangements were put in place for the remainder. In light of the Prime Minister's clear message to stay at home, some parents have contacted us to advise that their son/daughter will not be attending from today. Since Monday, following the issue of personal letters by the NHS advising self-isolation for 12 weeks for those with very significant health-related issues and others sharing their homes, to shield from infection, there has been a further reduction in staffing availability.

Foundry College will remain open but now has to prioritise provision for the students with the greatest need.

With effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 25th March, if there is a parent working from home or who is not a key worker, we would expect your son/daughter to remain at home **unless** your child has an assigned social worker or EHCP **and** we have prioritised them to be in the group of greatest need.

We are all inundated with media messages and it can all become quite confusing and overwhelming. What is clear is that we must all play our part in assisting in the delay of the spread of the virus in order to protect those who are most vulnerable. We will do this by restricting our contact with others wherever possible and this includes reducing the amount of contact at Foundry to the absolute minimum.

From today, there will be no further face-to-face tutoring for medical/vulnerable students who were receiving their education at home, until further notice. Also today, we will be contacting the parents of each student who was on the "to attend at Foundry" list to clarify and confirm each individual student's provision going forward.

All students are set up with Doodle through which work will be facilitated by a designated tutor or teacher. Wellbeing calls will also be made daily to touch base and iron out any difficulties.

Thank you again for your on-going support and understanding during these very strange and anxious times. We will continue to prioritise the health and welfare of our students and our staff whilst being mindful of our ambition to maintain the best possible education provision.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Blundell".

Jay Blundell
Headteacher