



Dear Parent/Carer

At the time of writing, there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) within our academy or within the Diverse Academies Trust more widely. However, we continue to monitor the situation very closely.

### **What is the current risk level?**

The [risk to the public has been raised to high](#). The UK government made a statement to the public on their response to the outbreak on Thursday 12 March. You can visit the website below for access to a wide range of information:

[www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response](http://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response)

The government has made clear that there is no immediate plan to close schools nationally, however this position may change. We will closely monitor this and update you as the situation changes. If you have any concerns in relation to our academy's position, then please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [parents@tuxford-ac.org.uk](mailto:parents@tuxford-ac.org.uk)

The government has also updated its advice in relation to what you should do if you feel you have coronavirus symptoms. You can access this information on the NHS website:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

**We are also putting in place a number of additional measures to help limit the impact of our activities on the spread of coronavirus.**

### **Cancellation of all academy trips**

We have collectively taken the decision to cancel all trips – whether in the UK or abroad until the end of April – in the interests of the safeguarding and welfare of our students. This decision is based on the latest government advice and our own assessments, which has taken into account the associated risk of travel and the staffing required to ensure the safety of all participants. Any trips planned beyond April remain under review.

### **Cancellation of academy events**

With immediate effect we are restricting the movement between academy communities, including meetings and events planned within our academy, until further notice – for example parent evenings, performances or guest speakers. Where possible, we will reschedule these for a later date or find alternative ways of communicating.

***Please note:*** in order to ensure we continue to deliver on our duty of care to our students, it may be necessary to continue to hold some face-to-face meetings. We will review each situation on a case by case basis.



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### Summer Examinations

We know this time of year is also a particularly challenging time for many of our students who are preparing for their summer examinations. Ofqual – Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation – advise that we should continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal. Ofqual are working closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education, and are planning for a range of scenarios. They state that their ‘overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.’ We will keep you up to date with any developments and intend to follow the advice given by the government and relevant bodies.

### Reminder – have we got your up to date contact details?

We should have two points of parent/carer contact information for your child – this should include an email address and phone number (preferably a mobile number). If this requires updating, please let us know. For GDPR purposes you must do this in writing, therefore please email us at [parents@tuxford-ac.org.uk](mailto:parents@tuxford-ac.org.uk) or provide us with a hardcopy written letter.

**If you are worried about any symptoms, please call NHS 111. Please let us know if you or any member of your immediate family have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 at the earliest opportunity.**

As you will appreciate, this is an unprecedented time and we will work together with you to ensure that the health and wellbeing of our communities and the education of children remain at the forefront of our decision making.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hardy  
Principal

