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Dear Parents / Carers

**Academy closure due to Coronavirus – Last day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

On Wednesday, the Government announced that all schools are to close from the end of the school day TODAY (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March). This is based on advice that school closures will help to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Oasis Academy Temple will remain open to *all children* until the end of the school day today.

The Government has said that childcare facilities are going to be available for certain groups of children.

**Is my child eligible for childcare next week?**

Following all schools closing this Friday, the government has asked some schools to remain open to the following children:

- Children who have one of the following support plans:
  - Education plan
  - Health plan
  - Care plan
- Children whose parent/carers are keyworkers. We expect be advised as to who these key workers are – we will post this on the website and will be back in contact with you.

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If you believe you are a keyworker and meet the criteria, please be in contact with the Academy office, and we will be back in touch with arrangements.

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**I am not a key worker, and my child is not eligible for these arrangements. What's next?**

We are sorry that we can only offer childcare facilities to certain children. We recognise that for many of you the upcoming closure, and for some the imposed isolation, will be hard.

It is important to find safe and suitable childcare for your child, either with you at home or with trusted family or friends. It is of vital importance that you do not let elderly family or friends, or those with a medical vulnerability, look after your children as they are the most at risk of having serious complications should they be infected by the coronavirus.

### **Education Provision**

We have been working hard in preparation for the closure of the Academy to ensure that we are in a position to support all of our children to continue to learn even while they cannot come to school.

We will need your support in ensuring that your child completes the work that is set for them while they are at home. It is important that children know that this is not a holiday, or a day off school due to snow. We strongly advise that each school day at home has a structure, and we will provide age-appropriate resources for each class.

We have prepared a home learning pack for every child that has been handed to any children in school. If your child is not in school, you can collect the learning pack from the Academy office when you are ready.

### **Key Stage 2 tests**

All exams in England due to be sat in May and June have been cancelled, including Key Stage 2 SATs.

We are awaiting more information from the government on this, and we will update our Year 6 pupils and their families that this affects once we know more.

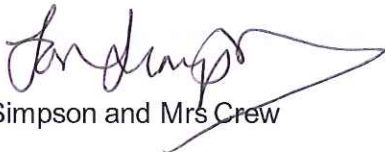
### **Updates and queries**

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or email and we'll be happy to support.

We understand that the spread of the virus may be concerning for you or your child. By following the government's advice on good hygiene and frequent handwashing (gov.uk and search 'coronavirus'), and by self-isolating as a household for 14 days should you develop a new consistent cough or develop a high temperature (accessing NHS111 online should your conditions get worse), there is no need to be alarmed.

We will continue to update you via letter or text, and by updating the Academy website. I thank you sincerely for your continued and on-going support for our academy community at this time.

Yours sincerely



Mr Simpson and Mrs Crew