



## Northern Ambition Academies Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of week 2 of school closure, I would again like to take this opportunity to update you all. In my letter dated the 27/03/20, I explained that our schools have remained open to vulnerable and Key Worker children only, and once again, I thank you for doing all you can to keep your child at home wherever possible. This last week has seen fluctuating numbers of key worker and vulnerable children coming in to schools, and our staff continue to do all they can to welcome these children and to provide them with a worthwhile day!

A reminder that we will not be offering the emergency childcare facility on Good Friday or Easter Monday, but our schools will be open to these children over the remainder of the Easter holidays. Over this period (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, and then Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April), we will maintain the same school routines which have worked well since Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

As always, we will continue to issue updates to you all as soon as we receive them through our normal channels of school websites, texts and social media.

### **Home Learning**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child/children complete their home learning as best they can. Our schools are celebrating this good work regularly through 'shout outs' and recognition on social media. I appreciate that 'home schooling' can be difficult, please simply do the best you can!

### **Free School Meals (FSM)**

All supermarket vouchers have now gone out to those eligible families and will continue to do so over the two week Easter break. Details about the National Voucher Scheme have now been published and those eligible families will be made aware shortly of the plans for after the Easter break.

### **GCSE Awarding for Summer 2020**

Information and guidance for schools has been released today. Details about this have been published to all Y11 students at Airedale Academy but please be assured that we will demonstrate principled, evidence-based assessment by teams of teachers, and ethical leadership which ensures grades are awarded that do justice to each young person. We have yet to receive guidance around the Y6 SATs or BTEC.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times, take care and have a great Easter.

Yours faithfully

**Elizabeth Fairhurst**

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