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Dear Parents/Carers

Following my letter of 2nd March 2020, informing you about our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to school regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), I am writing to you with a further update on our position at Outwood Academy Foxhills.

We continue to receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England and we continue to follow their advice. In addition to these updates, we, as an entire Trust of 32 schools, have been through our emergency plans and developed contingencies should we have to close, or partially close, whether this is due to either government instruction or due to staff absence. In the event of any closure, partial or full, we will endeavour to use our official local media stations, send you a message via our parent text service and put a message on our website.

Most importantly, we remain open as usual and have confidence that you will continue to support us with our expectations regarding your child's attendance.

The Trust has also increased significantly the cleaning of schools and, subject to availability, has made or is making provision for additional hand sanitiser to be available in dining areas. Our hand washing areas remain well-stocked and we have talked to all children about how to properly wash their hands, placing posters in key areas to remind us all to maintain good hygiene. Areas like IT and Music receive additional cleaning throughout each day to clean keyboards and equipment.

We are monitoring all trips and making decisions on a case by case basis, again following the latest advice from the government.

We are now preparing to provide work for your children should we have to close the school for any length of time. We are well-prepared for this situation, with excellent IT systems in place. For some time we have been developing our use of Google Drive: a cloud based drive where we can share resources. Within this, there is an application called Google Classroom: a streamlined, easy-to-use tool that helps teachers manage work. With Classroom, we can replicate classes, distribute work, grade and send feedback, and see everything in one place. We will use this system for all work to be accessed. As we further prepare this resource and in the event of having to use it, we will send out more information.

I hope that this letter gives you some comfort that we are making the best possible preparations and in the meantime continue to operate a full and normal school day, welcoming your children to school each and every day.

Yours faithfully



Darren Smith
Principal