

January 4th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers, staff and Students,

I am writing this letter in light of the tonight's news that we will be implementing contingency planning across the Trust with effect from **tomorrow morning (5th January)**. We received no advance notice of this announcement but have been preparing various contingency planning in the background.

What this announcement means is that your child's school will be closed from **tomorrow morning** until further notice, notionally February half-term, and will be moving to remote learning for all pupils apart from:

- Vulnerable pupils
- Children of Critical Workers

at both primary and secondary schools; these prioritised pupils will be facilitated to attend on-site full time education with actual timings and details to be confirmed at school level. Only these pupils may attend on site.

This notification cancels all previous announcements.

For all other students, we will deliver remote learning in accordance with our Trust Remote Learning Policy which has been recently updated and can be found [HERE](#).

Please watch out for additional guidance and information from your child's school which will give additional guidance to help you access remote learning, access technology and support should you encounter difficulty or apply for Free School Meals, during this closure period.

If you believe you are eligible for vulnerable pupil/Critical Worker pupil provision, then please contact your child's school as a matter of urgency and they will support you with the application process.

This has been a turbulent beginning to the term but I trust that within the next few days we should be able to establish every pupil with a secure learning offer whether that be on-site or remote learning and do our very best in partnership with parents to secure educational continuity in these most problematic times.

I sincerely hope we will all be safely back on our school sites again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Yapp

Chief Education Officer, the STAR Multi-Academy Trust

Executive Headteacher, Riverside School, Tadcaster

e: CEO@starmat.uk

t: 01937 538538