4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**School Closures, Key Worker and vulnerable pupil provision**

Further to the announcement by the Prime Minister the Trust is writing with more information about how this will affect our individual schools and the provision we will be making.

We will be keeping schools open with very small numbers of children who qualify as Key Workers, EHCP pupils and those with an assigned social worker. However, Occold and St Peter and St Paul Eye will be combining their provision which will be based at St Peter and St Paul- they will write to their own parents about this. All other schools will remain open with provision for their qualifying pupils.

To clarify from tomorrow Tuesday 5th January schools will be open for **Key Worker and vulnerable pupils only**. All other pupils will be provided with remote learning. More information will follow from your individual school about this.

We are pleased that Google Classrooms has been installed in all of our schools and this will be used to set work.

If you think your child falls into the vulnerable or key worker categories, (see list below). Please email or phone your child’s school office to let us know whether your child will be attending from Tuesday.

To allow us to plan, please let us know as soon as possible if you require a key worker / vulnerable place.

**Vulnerable:**

Student with support from a social worker i.e. Child Protection, Child in Need or Looked After

Students with SEND who have an EHCP

**Key/critical worker:**

Students who live with a parent who is involved with:

Health & social care

Education & childcare

Key public services

Local & National government

Food & other necessary goods

Public safety & national security

Transport & border

Utilities, communication and financial services

Please keep checking the Trust Coronavirus website for the latest information:

<https://www.asst.org.uk/coronavirus-advice>

Finally, I would like to thank parents, carers, our staff, pupils, Governors and the Trust Board who are all working together to ensure that we are looking after our school communities in this difficult time. We will all keep communicating to ensure that the latest information is shared. It is with great sadness that we close our school doors again and we wish all our families good health.

We hope to see you again soon.

Thank you for your support, stay safe and well.

Melanie Barrow,

CEO