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Wellspring Academy Trust
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Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

## **COVID-19: Continuity Arrangements**

Phoenix Park Academy and Sevenhills Academy are now closed in support of the national effort to manage the spread of COVID-19/ the Coronavirus.

The period of closure is unknown. It may be substantial. It is our intention to provide the best continuity of education that we can through this period.

We will spend the next few days on staff training and resource preparation in anticipation of a prolonged period of closure. Our arrangements to ensure educational continuity with remote online learning will begin from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. We ask for your support with accessing the online resources and teaching sessions at the times outlined on the timetable. Any arrangements that we are able to make for onsite provision, including that for pupils identified by the Secretary of State for Education, will be factored into these arrangements.

As a supportive gesture during this time of closure our commitment to ensuring our legal entitlement to provide food is maintained. Therefore an electronic voucher for Tesco will be sent to the email addresses of guardians of those entitled to Free School Meals.

Any provision on our sites will be dependent upon the Health & Safety and staffing available at the site daily. You will understand that operating a school requires site support, cleaning support, administration of entry and exit and sufficient workforce in attendance to guarantee its safe operation throughout the day.

Where we are unable to open the building, we will work with the Local Authority and regional Department for Education on the provision of education in local school buildings for key pupil groups as part of the local co-ordinated effort.

Please keep following our websites and text messages for updates as things evolve.

Kindest Regards

Mark Wilson

Chief Executive Officer Wellspring Academy Trust