



15/03/21

Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: School Closure 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Following my letter dated 12/03/21, it is with regret that I have to confirm the academy will be closed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This is due to an escalation of COVID-19 cases at the academy.

The decision to close the academy for an initial two days was supported by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and Dudley Council's Public Health Team on 14/03/21. Following discussions today on 15/03/21, with Public Health England, we recognise that an additional day of closure is necessary to ensure all additional safety measures have been fully implemented. Please be reassured that our learners will continue to benefit from high quality distance learning provision and excellent support from both our teaching and support staff.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our learners, staff and parents/ carers remains our highest priority. As a precaution, we will be conducting a deep clean of the academy during the closure. We will also be closely monitoring the situation and hope to reopen on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We will of course keep you updated on next steps or if any further precautions are required to ensure a safe return.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause but we are taking this action to protect the health of our community. We understand that you may have questions about the situation; if this is the case, please email [info@thelinkacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@thelinkacademy.org.uk). We will not be able to discuss any personal details relating to individual cases. However, we will endeavour to answer any general queries that you may have.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding at this time. We wish our learners and staff who have been affected a speedy recovery.

Yours faithfully

Emma Edwards-Morgan  
Principal



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