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Co-op Academy
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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to inform you that the Academy will close on Wednesday 18th March to Friday 20th March for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. **Year 11 will remain in the academy.** I will be reviewing the situation and will keep you fully updated on any changes.

Following the national announcements by Boris Johnson, the Co-op Academies Trust have directed me that any staff members that fall into the vulnerable categories, as published by Public Health England, or have members of their household that fall into these categories cannot be in the academy. Unfortunately, this has resulted in staffing levels that will only allow me to provide an on-site education for Year 11 students. I am truly sorry for this and fully understand that will present families with challenges, I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support in this difficult time.

We have been planning for this scenario in recent weeks and will now implement our plan to minimise the impact of the Academy closure on the education of the young people affected.

Year 7-10

We will set work for Year 7-10 via Class Charts that both students and parents can see via the App. Please alert us immediately if you are unable to access Class Charts via info@failsworth.coop with the heading Class Charts issues. Please provide the student name and your contact details so we can verify this and support you. This work will allow curriculum continuity so students are not disadvantaged by the Academy closure. We will endeavour to upload work by midday on Wednesday.

Whilst this is not an ideal replacement for the Academy being open I hope you can see we are trying to ensure that our Year 7-10 students are not disadvantaged compared to other closed school settings.

Year 11

Year 11 will remain in the academy and will follow their normal timetable.

Finally, I will update you via text or website messages once we have further information about reopening and how that will happen. Please follow the advice given on how to combat the spread of Coronavirus from Public Health England.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. Quirk'.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher