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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that this communication finds you safe and well and that you are managing to stay alert, helping to keep the corona virus under control. Since my last communication earlier in the week I wanted to keep you updated as to the wider opening of academies within the Brigantia Learning Trust following the Prime Minister's announcement on Thursday and Public Health advice on Friday.

Arrangements for children designated as 'vulnerable' or are children of critical key workers (i.e those previously accessing the Brigantia Learning Trust Hub at Hinde House)

As of 1 June 2020 all students / pupils who require a place and where it is deemed safe to do so, will have educational provision at their own academy in groups of no more than 10. This will be a daily facility and runs from 08:30am to 3:00pm

Each group will be 'taught' by two teachers, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Similar arrangements will be in place for support staff and where smaller groups are required for SEN provision, appropriate staffing will be provided.

Primary aged children ranging from Nursery to Year 6

The Trust and academy have been working tirelessly over the past two weeks to try and meet the aspiration of the government to open more widely from June onwards for Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursey pupils.

Despite our best efforts, the Trust Executive was not in a position to recommend opening more widely for these year groups, from 8 June 2020 as we had hoped. The Trust is committed to the safety of all its pupils and their household members and similarly for staff and their household members. The Trust Leadership felt that in the current local climate we would not be able to provide the reassurance you as parents/carers would need at this time.

In addition to our own concerns based on all the national information, we also received a letter on Friday from the Director of Public Health in Sheffield (Greg Fell) which confirmed our beliefs that it is not yet safe enough to open more widely to pupils in Years 6, 1, Reception and Nursery until at the earliest, 15 June 2020.

Therefore, I must inform you that all Brigantia Learning Trust's academies remain closed to these year groups as well as Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 until further notice.

I appreciate this may exasperate the situation at home with your own work and childcare commitments, but hope you understand we are taking this decision purely with the safety of your children in mind, along with that of staff members; to increase numbers at this stage could certainly put individuals at risk of greater infection and serious illness.

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Secondary and Post 16 aged students (Year 10 and Year 12)

Current national guidance is that we should aim to open more widely for some 'face to face' provision from 15 June 2020. This does not mean we will be opening to Year 10 or Year 12 in the normal way as we are restricted to the numbers we can have in at any time based on government guidance.

Arrangements as to how this will work will be communicated by each academy over the next two weeks. It is anticipated that individual one to one sessions will be provided to supplement current remote learning delivery.

Other Year Groups: Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 & 13: Remote learning only

For all other students / pupils in the other year groups, there are currently no recommendations or guidance from central government to provide any face to face or group teaching for the remainder of this academic year.

Therefore, it is essential that for each of these year groups as much engagement with remote learning and the e-learning platforms is undertaken as much as possible.

Help and advice is available daily and will be provided by each academy whose switchboards will all be open from Monday 1 June 2020 for any queries, along with their email addresses.

Wincobank	0114 2490590	enquiries@wincobankschool.net
Concord	0114 2495050	enquiries@concordschool.net
Hinde House Primary	0114 2426874	enquiries@hindehouseprimary.net
Hinde House secondary	0114 2438486	enquiries@hindehouse.net
Yewlands	0114 2329010	enquiries@yewlandsacademy.org
Longley Park Sixth Form	0114 2625757	enquiries@longleypark.ac.uk

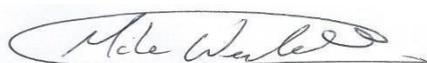
Alternatively, you can contact the Trust Action Line on 0114 2329017 or actionline@brigantiastrust.net.

I appreciate for many of you this is not the news you wished to hear and I can assure you that the staff across the Trust are keen to welcome your children back into their academies. However, safety must remain our number one consideration, which we hope you agree with and we will be back in touch as soon as we can be clearer about the exact dates for wider opening.

As always I would like to thank you all for the help and support you are providing your children at home with their learning at this time which we understand is a significant addition to your very busy lives already. I am sorry not to have been able to provide you with more positive news.

I send you the very best wishes from all at Brigantia Learning Trust and genuinely look forward to seeing you and your children again soon

Yours faithfully,



Mike Westerdale
Chief Executive Officer