



December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Re-opening Plans**

No doubt the government announcement late yesterday has caused some concerns for some of you. The plans announced yesterday **do not** apply to Three Towers because we are an alternative provision academy.

**We will open as previously planned at 10am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **Onsite testing for staff and learners**

The announcement earlier this week in the press was made before schools had been told. The information we are getting is the same as you at the moment, and most of it is coming from the media not the government.

With so little time to prepare and lack of detail about the tests, we do not feel able to operate these tests at the moment. The training, staff commitment, designated spaces, and uncertainty about the validity of lateral flow test results means that I do not see how we can safely run this process without significant disruption to learners. We would also not conduct such tests without parental consent, which at present I do not feel comfortable asking you for given how little information school has been given.

We close for Christmas in an hour and as yet have not received any tests or PPE for staff.

As the situation is constantly changing this decision is under review. I will of course keep you informed as much as possible but please be mindful I am often getting my information via the media at the same time as you.

I want to thank you for your ongoing patience and support during what are challenging and uncertain times.

I hope that you have a peaceful, happy, safe and healthy Christmas however you are celebrating it.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher