

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## RE: Small School Update – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

You will be aware that the Prime Minister addressed the nation on Sunday evening, explaining new measures to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and ways to begin easing the 'lockdown' measures.

We are aware that this week will see an increase in people going to work, following the advice that anyone who cannot work from home should return to their normal place of work. With this in mind, we want to remind you that we are open for vulnerable students and the children of key workers. Please email the Academy at <u>info@wmgacademy.org.uk</u> if you need to take advantage of this provision, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Our small school begins at 10am and finishes at 2pm. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children can safely travel to school and all students, other than those in receipt of FSM, should bring a packed lunch, as no canteen facilities are available. We have put measures in place within the building to ensure social distancing takes place.

Similarly, you may have noted the Government's intention for 'students facing exams next year to get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays'. We received guidance last night from the DfE about how to facilitate this. I am sure you will appreciate that there are many logistical issues to work through from the announcement, which we will be doing over the coming days. We will share these with you as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

## **Ongoing Communication**

Please be reminded that if you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to <u>info@wmgacademy.org.uk</u>. Telephone messages will still be routinely monitored, however you will receive a response far sooner via email communications. Please remember that any parental communications are also available on our website by clicking <u>here</u>.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well and continue to look after yourself and your loved ones.

Yours faithfully,

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