



Southmoor Academy

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20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware schools have been asked to close by the Government to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Southmoor Academy will therefore be closed to all pupils from Monday 23rd March

The Government has urged that parents should keep their children at home, wherever possible. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Southmoor will only provide care (9am-3pm) for those pupils whose parents/carers meet the Government criteria and where they cannot be safely cared for at home.

Further information for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Government guidelines advise that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then please contact our main reception at Southmoor on 0191 5949991 before 3.00pm today.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Garner
Principal / Acting Head

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