



19th March 2020

Dear Parent,

Earlier today, you received a letter from the Chief Executive of Star Academies, informing you that all schools will be closed from Friday 20th March for the foreseeable future. We do not know how long the period of closure will continue. This drastic decision has been made by the Government to try and halt the spread of coronavirus.

I know that the closure of the school will cause you and your children considerable disappointment and anxiety. I am writing to inform you of the steps that we are taking to ensure that we support your children's education and wellbeing.

All pupils who are not self-isolating or ill should attend school tomorrow. They will receive important information, guidance and materials to support their studies. We will ensure that any pupils who are absent also receive these materials.

Pupils are expected to continue with their studies while they are at home. Please note the following:

- Please note that pupils in all year groups should start to use their study packs on Monday 23rd March.
- Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive a full revision pack and timetable to prepare for end of year exams. These exams will take place when school reopens. It is essential that all pupils continue to study.
- Pupils in Year 10 will receive, revision guides, timetable and online lessons in all subjects for which they will sit GCSE examinations.
- Pupils in Year 6 will not be sitting end of Key Stage 2 SATs this year. It is essential that they continue studying so that they are well prepared to transfer to secondary school.
- Pupils in Years 11 and 13 will not be sitting GCSE/A level examinations this year. They should continue deepening their knowledge so that they are well prepared for transition to college or university. We have issued pupils with reading materials. We will inform you as soon as the Office for Standards and Qualifications (Ofqual) has decided on how pupils' achievements will be recognised.

The school is fully committed to supporting the Government's drive to support our community. Vulnerable pupils will be invited to attend school, as will children of key workers. If you believe that you are a key worker (as defined by the Government) and you require your child to be supervised, please contact the school by emailing info@ebbham.staracademies.org by 4pm tomorrow (20th March) to indicate that you wish your child to attend school. Provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers will commence on Monday 23rd March and will continue during term-time and during the Easter school holiday period. Initially this will be provided on our school site, but the Trust is also working on a hub model that may involve pupils being supervised at another local school in the future. We will keep you informed of arrangements in good time.



We will be providing vouchers for pupils who are entitled to receive free school meals. We will advise you separately about how vouchers will be distributed.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school via email. We will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We really appreciate it. I hope that you and your family remain well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Ravat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mrs A Ravat
Executive Principal