

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Phoenix Academy – Covid-19 update

Firstly, may I apologise for the lateness in my response to you. I have been waiting on further information and guidance from Public Health England.

I can now update you that I have now been advised that the academy is safe to re-open on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. However, due to a localised increase in the numbers of people being advised to self-isolate, there are a number of staff who are unable to return on this date, and as a result I have taken the decision to keep Phoenix Academy closed until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 (after half term break).

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and pupils for actively engaging in the home learning that has been provided – it has been lovely to see work being uploaded via DoJo's, Purple Mash and Twitter, and I am excited to see this continue for the rest of this week.

Obviously the safety of staff and pupils is paramount to the academy and I will continue to follow advice and change practices as required to meet the ongoing government guidance. If changes are due to occur, I will endeavour to notify you quickly.

Please be assured that I will continue to keep you updated on any information, advice and guidance that may change as they arise. Please remember if anyone in your household has any of the three main symptoms of Covid 19 do seek a test and self-isolate.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe half term and Halloween!

Yours sincerely

Miss E. Phillips  
Interim Principal