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13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents and students,

**Re: FMAT response to the possible re-opening of academies to additional students**

Many of you will be aware of the Prime Minister's "Roadmap Update" and the recent comments he presented regarding Academies. I am sure that some parents and students will feel anxious, due to the lack of detail and planning behind the Governments suggested measures around social distancing and especially in relation to what this might mean for Academies from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

You may be surprised to hear that education leaders and Academy staff only receive the government information relating to education at the same time as the British public; we anticipate that more detail will follow in the next few days and weeks. Please be assured that staff across all the academies within Fairfax Multi Academy Trust (FMAT) will develop a way forward for all involved and will adhere to the national guidance issued. I assure you that the safety of all our students and staff remains our priority.

I understand that some parents and students will want to know exactly what is happening and when, but Academy and FMAT leaders will not rush into a decision that we may later regret.

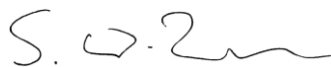
For absolute clarity, your Academy currently only remains open, as it has done in recent weeks, for the children of Key Workers and for those deemed vulnerable.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you with as much advance notice as possible, that all Academies within FMAT will be closing to all students over the May half term period (25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May).

I hope you are all able to remain both safe and patient and request that wherever possible students engage with the work set remotely.

Further details regarding any potential changes for June, will be sent to you by the Head of your Academy.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Jones  
CEO