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## COVID 19 Statement - 20th March 2020

Thank you for your continued support as the schools within Steel City Schools Partnership work together to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak.

As a Multi Academy Trust, we are committed to following the directive set out by the Prime Minister. In the guidance released this morning, parents have been asked to keep their children at home wherever possible and have asked schools to remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer children making the journeys to school and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread significantly affecting the most vulnerable in our community.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the link below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If parents think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. Vulnerable pupils have also been identified and we will be supporting these families also.

All the schools within SCSP will be open on Monday and will be available for those who have been identified as Key Workers. Thank you to those parents / carers who have responded to us today regarding the potential need for childcare places. We confirm that a place will be available at your child's school on Monday if you have requested it. Confirmation of availability for the rest of the week will be sent to you on Monday.

The situation is changing rapidly and we will keep you informed of what we as a MAT will be doing to keep our schools safe places and to support the vulnerable within our communities.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Shipman  
Chief Executive Officer

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