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## Corvus Learning Trust COVID-19 Update, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure that over this weekend you will have heard many reports and conversations regarding the start of the new school term.

At Corvus Learning Trust we always have the safety and well-being of our children, staff and their families as our number one priority. This is particularly relevant now when the virus is at an all-time high and we are due to reopen our schools.

**In order to successfully plan for the days and weeks ahead, our primary schools will be closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, (this is already a planned staff training day) and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This will enable an effective review or update of school risk assessments and to consider current staff availability to facilitate full school opening.**

For clarity, our schools will continue to prioritise opening **for vulnerable children and for critical keyworkers' families and therefore will be open for those children from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. We have been working collaboratively with our Headteachers, to ensure that schools remain as safe as possible. Parents will be contacted by our schools using their original keyworker records. If you are a new keyworker, please contact your child's school directly.

Our schools have worked hard to remain open and to ensure they are as safe as possible throughout this pandemic. The National and local pictures are fast moving which makes planning difficult, and we acknowledge this doesn't provide certainty to you. Our schools are committed to opening to the fullest extent that they safely can, and will need to respond, sometimes at very short notice, to their individual circumstances.

Our schools will need to adapt their scale of operation on an ongoing basis, determined by factors such as staff availability and the impact COVID may present to normal school routines. It is almost certain that each of our schools will be affected differently in the coming days and weeks, so their responses and the extent to which they are open will also be different. We ask for your understanding during this difficult time.

Your individual school will be in contact tomorrow, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, explaining how the school will be operating and delivering education to your children from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Wishing you the very best for the New Year.

Warmest regards

Bob Elsey  
CEO