**To all Parents and Carers of Children attending**

**The Rose Learning Trust Schools**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE 17TH MARCH 2020**

The Prime Minister and Senior Health officials have released further actions to be followed to combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The recent press release has included several new actions to be followed and has advised anyone with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, to stay at home for 14 days from when their symptoms started. Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

As you can appreciate with the increased criteria for self-isolation, we now have several staff who will not be in school. This is something that we support to ensure that we reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus as well as reducing the risk of infection to staff who are pregnant, or who have underlying health issues.

As a consequence, a full or partial closure of your child’s school may have to be an option and we will keep you informed if we must shut any classes. Clearly, we will only undertake this action if we have no alternative and we intend to remain open until the DfE instruct us to close or to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

We will review the situation daily and schools will provide regular updates to all parents/carers through their usual communication channels as the situation develops.

**These are unprecedented times and we ask that you understand and support the school in the actions it may have to take.**

We thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Harrison – Chief Executive Officer

Phil Crawley – Chair of the Board