

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE AFFECTING YEAR GROUPS 8 and 9**

**Erdington Academy will remain open only to students in Years 7, 10 and 11**

Due to the ongoing national situation regarding Coronavirus I have taken the decision to continue the partial closure for Years 8 and 9 for **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. **All other Year groups are expected in school on Thursday and Friday.**

In consultation with the CEO of the Fairfax Multi Academy Trust, the Senior Team and I have had to make the difficult but pragmatic decision to partially close Erdington Academy based on the safe levels of staffing required to ensure student safety.

We are prioritising keeping the academy open to year groups that have forthcoming examinations.

As Head of Academy, I sincerely appreciate these are difficult times, but rest assured that student safety is our highest priority.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in maintaining some sort of 'normal' school routines and encouraging your children to undertake the work set by teachers via Show My Homework in order to ensure they continue to make good academic progress.

We will continue to update you via our school website and the My Ed App.

Work for students during this time of closure will be posted on Show My Homework.

We will continue to follow the guidelines from Public Health England and further support and advice can be sought by visiting their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>.

I will continue to monitor and review the situation every day based on factors such as student/staff attendance and safety, along with responding if the national landscape changes.

Yours sincerely,



S.Mallett  
Head of Academy