

Wellspring Academy Trust
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Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Virtual Learning

I am writing to update you on virtual learning in light of the new legislation the Government have introduced as of Thursday 22nd October 2020.

A summary of the main points are:

- Virtual learning must be in place immediately (from the first full day)
- It is only for individuals or groups who can't attend due to Covid-19
- It is not available for any other absence – you are still expected to attend school if you can
- Legally, it is not a parental or student choice to have virtual learning
- It can be a mix of live lessons, work packs or online content
- The curriculum will continue as normal as best as possible
- It does not mean live teaching from 8.30am – 3.30pm
- We can provide technology to support this offer

I am providing this information to help our understanding and manage expectations if we have to make any further decisions on closing all or part of our schools. As things stand all our sites remain fully open and attendance is expected.

It is really important that we are able to still engage if we have to work virtually so if you have any questions about this or any problems accessing technology please be in touch, we want to help.

The Academies will be closing 3pm on Friday 23rd October until Monday 2nd November for half term, please keep following Government guidance and social distancing to remain safe during this time.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Hutchinson
Executive Principal