

21 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your child has had a good start to the new academic year and is enjoying being back at school. We are delighted to have welcomed all children back.

Virtual Open Events/Academy Prospectus

As we start the new academic year, all our academies are in the process of arranging Open Events for our new intake of children. This year, the process is going to look very different from what was presented when you decided to send your child to one of our academies.

We are putting arrangements in place to ensure that we can share with you the impressive provision our academies deliver for the children that attend them.

Joel Blundell has been appointed as Marketing & Design Officer and will be visiting each THAT academy to produce Virtual Open Event videos. I am writing to make you aware that these videos will be filmed in the coming weeks and will aim to showcase what we offer in our academies. This will include interviews with children telling us what they like about being at their school and a recording a variety of learning spaces.

As part of the admissions process for a place at your child's school, you will have completed a consent form giving consent/not giving consent for your child to feature in photographs/videos promoting the school. Before filming will take place we will have checked to ensure that children featured have the appropriate parental consent.

Digital Devices

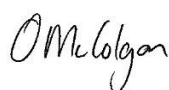
Access to laptops has been an issue for most families throughout the pandemic. I appreciate that this has created difficulties for home learning to take place.

For us to understand the availability and access of devices across our academies, I would appreciate if parents/carers could complete a short survey by [clicking here](#) to assist us with our future planning.

The Trust are exploring implementing a 1:1 device programme within our academies. This would allow parents/carers to purchase a device for your child and pay for it over 30 months usually at a cost of £12.00 per month. Arrangements will be put in place for families who are in receipt of free school meals. A question has been included within the survey to gauge interest from parents/carers in this scheme.

We want to ensure that, in the event of another local/national lockdown, each child's education can continue whilst also enhancing access to technology to take advantage of this when learning.

Kind regards



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Chief Executive