

**By Email:**

Local Advisory Board Chairs of Governors  
and Clerks

**GovernorHub:**

All LAB Governors

30 April 2020

Dear Local Advisory Boards,

I hope you are all safe and coping in these challenging times in which we find ourselves.

As you are all aware, the Trust closed all of the academies on 20 March 2020, in line with the decision taken by the DfE at the time, and which remains in place today. Prior to closing, the Trust held several central meetings with all of the Head Teachers to outline the plan for closure and the systems that would need to put in place by each academy.

Although our academies are closed to the majority of children/students, they have remained open when required for key workers' children and vulnerable groups. This has been in place since we closed and remains in place at all sites. Our staff have been amazing and have shown a great amount of strength and resilience, whether working and supporting our families in caring for the children/students of key workers, or supporting online working and staying in regular contact with a vast number of pupils/students.

As a Trust, we have taken measures to support each academy in the following ways:

- Weekly update emailed to all Head Teachers on Fridays
- Review of each week using MS Forms and follow up support where needed with Head Teachers
- Weekly staff letter circulated across the workforce
- Email and telephone support
- Face to face meetings in an emergency, with social distancing measures in place.

Moving forwards, we remain unsure as to when we might re-open the academies. We are hopeful that over the next week or so, we might receive some updated information about re-opening from the LA and DfE. We will be working closely with our Head Teachers to discuss the challenges and changes that may be required if we are asked to re-open the academies. Once we are in a position to do so, we will outline the plan for all Trust academies and communicate this to our local communities.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.

Kind regards

**Gareth Nelmes**  
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**Bradgate Education Partnership**