



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Education Secretary's statement on coronavirus yesterday afternoon, it was announced that all schools across England will close from Monday 23rd March. However, schools will remain open for children and young people whose parents are key workers and or are vulnerable with EHCP's.

As it stands, Employ My Ability will remain open however students who are vulnerable and who have underlying medical conditions from the list below are being told to stay home:

- Anyone who is instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds
- Chronic (long term) respiratory diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease such as hepatitis
- Chronic neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy
- Diabetes
- Problems with spleen-for example sickle cell disease or if you have had spleen removed
- Weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS or medicines such as steroids and chemotherapy
- Being seriously overweight (BMI 40 plus)
- Those who are pregnant
- Those who have epilepsy

For these students who are vulnerable and unable to come to EMA we will send home packs of work covering English and Maths. We will also put in place weekly catch ups with your young persons tutor which can be over Skype/Facetime/Teams.

We appreciate this is a difficult time for everyone and we would like to reassure you that we understand and support you keeping your young people safe, this is our priority.

At this stage, Employ My Ability will only close if the staffing levels become inadequate and it becomes unsafe to manage or the government advises we close.

To ensure we have the correct staffing levels from Monday 23rd March and your young person does not fall into the category listed above please can you confirm via email to myself if they will be attending on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Sadie

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