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## Marches Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support over this year as we deal with the global pandemic. We are thankful that our parents and carers are following the correct actions concerning Covid-19 and keeping the school informed to allow us to minimise risks.

Last week, the Department for Education announced that schools can conduct their learning online on 18<sup>th</sup> December in order to support the test and trace scheme over the Christmas holidays.

As a Trust we have decided to remain open as we appreciate the importance of onsite teaching for young people. Whilst we do have some students accessing their learning online due to having to isolate, we feel that to minimise disruption, school will continue as normal this week.

This means, we will require our parents/carers to notify us if their child tests positive for COVID-19 up until 24<sup>th</sup> December so we can put the test and trace scheme into effect.

If your child develops symptoms after 24th December, you are not required to notify school.

This has been a year like no other and we value the support from our communities that has ensured our students and staff have remained safe and accessed their teaching and learning.

I wish you all a restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming our students and staff back on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Finch

CEO – Marches Academy Trust.

The Marches Academy Trust incorporating: Alliance of Leading Learning, Grange Primary School, The Grove School, Longlands Primary School, Lower Heath C of E Primary School and Nursery, The Marches School, Oakmeadow C of E Primary School and Nursery, Shrewsbury Academy, Sir John Talbot's School, Tilstock C of E Primary School and Nursery

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