



Department
for Education

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Bath Community Academy (BCA) closure

Having sought the views of parents and other interested parties and considered carefully their responses, Department for Education Ministers have now made a final decision to close Bath Community Academy at the end of the summer term, 2018. A formal letter informing the Cabot Learning Federation of this decision is available to view on both the BCA and CLF websites.

We were grateful that a number of parents/carers of pupils at BCA took the opportunity to inform us of their views on the proposed closure during our listening engagement. We lengthened the listening period to receive responses by two weeks to ensure parents/carers had time to respond, and have since taken careful account of the views expressed. While we understand the concerns expressed by parents, on balance we believe that the children at BCA will receive a more sustainable and high quality education in a neighbouring school with an assured future.

We appreciate this is an unsettling time for Bath Community Academy pupils, parents and the school's staff. The school will remain open until the end of the summer term 2018 to allow time for alternative places to be secured. It will also allow year 10 and 11 students to finish their GCSEs without needing to move schools. **We have now requested that the CLF provides immediate and on-going support to parents/carers of pupils at BCA in progressing their children's education at local schools.**

Yours sincerely

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Enc: RSC letter to CLF confirming closure of BCA