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Dear Parents and Carers,

Scam Warning

We have become aware of a number of attempted frauds targeting parents of some schools. Please be extra careful during the school closures and additional restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus.

In particular, note that no official organisation will contact you for your bank details or other personal information. You are not required to pay money to access additional school resources during the enforced closure, or to receive free school meal vouchers, where applicable. Also be aware of fake (“phishing”) emails pretending to be from the Department for Education. Where the Government are putting in place special schemes to support *schools*, communications will be co-ordinated by schools in the first instance and not third party organisations. If in doubt, please contact the school on enquiries@laureateacademy.org.uk or Finance Team finance@futureacademies.org for clarification.

If you believe you have been targeted by a fraudster, visit the Action Fraud website:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/coronavirus-related-fraud-reports-increase-by-400-in-march> . This website also provides additional information on current frauds.

Yours sincerely,



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