



**1<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all safe and well at home during this exceptionally challenging time.

We fully appreciate this is an incredibly difficult period for our parents and carers and want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to support our families at this time. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and for the positive feedback and suggestions you have made for improvement since the start of the lockdown period. Your input at this time is of course extremely important to us and we take on board any comments we receive.

I would also like to express my appreciation for staff across our Trust who have kept our schools running, providing childcare for children with parents and carers who are key workers and for those who are vulnerable (including over the Easter holiday period). Staff working both in school and from home have quickly adapted their way of working and have shown real dedication by going above and beyond for our children.

Year group email addresses set up for each of our schools have proved to be a useful source of communication for parents/carers to raise any questions they have regarding home learning tasks set for children. Thank you to those of you who have been utilising this facility, please continue to do so in order to ensure that we can respond to your questions as we receive them.

All of our schools have been sharing the wonderful work being carried out by children from home through their websites. I hope you have enjoyed seeing the amazing and varied pieces of work on display, I know I certainly have. Please continue to share your photos and videos with us and monitor our school websites for these uplifting posts.

As always, we are continuing to closely follow the guidelines set out by the Government as I am sure you are too. As soon as any significant changes are announced in relation to school opening arrangements, we will ensure that you are all updated in a timely manner.

We look forward to the time where our schools are able to re-open again however, for now please continue to stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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