

Friday, 24th April 2020

Ambitions Academies Trust



Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

It is at times of crisis that you fully appreciate the communities you are linked to. In these unprecedented times, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all our families for your support, patience and understanding as we move through the weeks of lock down already endured; and for the support I know you will give as we move through to the next phase.

Keeping our children educated is of course a key priority, but this is not education as we have known it. I hope you feel that the support your individual schools or nurseries are providing is helping you structure your children's learning. We know that this is a real struggle for many of you, and this is for a variety of reasons. What we are facing currently is a global issue and there is no blue print of how to do the things we are currently doing, so all we can do is just the best we can. We all understand that whatever has or has not been learnt over the past few weeks – when schools re-open, it will be vital for everybody to take stock and then in a very planned way ensure that as quickly as possible all pupils are back on track so whatever issues that have been presented at this time do not in the long run disadvantage anybody.

Whilst we must acknowledge that learning is important, what is of equal importance if not more so is the welfare of our communities. I am aware how hard all our staff are working to try and put in place every support possible during these times. Please don't hesitate to contact your schools or the Trust if there is anything that you feel could help at this time.

We have had relatively consistent numbers of eligible pupils in our schools since lockdown began; again, I hope how this has been managed has been helpful to you.

We know that the anxieties will be different for different pupils; we are very conscious that for year 10 and 12 pupils worries about what they are learning and how this will affect them when they sit their exams which are not that far away will be a real concern. Also, our year 6 pupils who will be embarking on a whole new journey into the next phase of their education. Rest assured that we will do everything we can to support all our children as we go through the coming weeks and months.

There are many areas we are focusing on. Some are of immediate importance and others that are medium or long term. What matters to us is that all our communities are safe and well. If you are concerned or worried or want information on anything, please don't hesitate to contact your school or the Trust. We very much hope that it will be right for the country and our welfare to re-open schools at some time this term and we can't wait for this to happen.

In the meantime, please take care and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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