



ENHANCE ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your significant support and co-operation since I last wrote to you. A lot has happened since then.

Currently, we have two things we are focusing on as a Trust and as individual schools. Firstly, making sure that our remote learning provision for children at home is as effective as it can be during this time of closure and secondly, to provide on-going provision at school for the children of critical workers and others identified as having specific needs.

These two objectives both have their own challenges, but I am so pleased with how well everyone has pulled together to make these happen. I have been amazed by the stories I have heard about what has been going on at home and particularly by things I have seen on Twitter. The children are applying themselves fantastically well. Live drop-ins, recorded lessons, whole school collective worship, teachers' marking and providing feedback and so much more have been taking place to support children's learning. Each school's approach is different, and schools are continually reviewing their offer and further developing their provision.

In terms of our provision for those in school, numbers in each of our schools have now stabilised. We are all aware that the number of deaths and confirmed cases continues to remain extremely high, so please do keep your child at home if you are able to do so. The safest place for your child is at home.

I know how hard teachers and support staff are working to keep in touch with you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, whether related to your child's learning or welfare, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance or senior leaders in your school as required.

You may be aware that all members of staff in primary schools have the opportunity to begin regular asymptomatic testing from Monday 25th January. Staff will be supplied with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits to self-swab at home twice a week; the test will give a result in around 30 minutes. It is important to note that we may see an increase in the number of staff members testing positive as a result of asymptomatic testing, and therefore more individual bubbles in schools may need close. If, or when, headteachers become aware of a positive case, they will communicate with you in the same way as they did last term providing details about self-isolation periods.

Finally, in relation to the reopening of our schools, we have no further details from the government at this point. Gavin Williamson announced this morning that the government will give us all two weeks' notice of reopening. As soon as we receive further guidance from the government, we will update you all in as clearly and timely a manner as possible.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. Please stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

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