



25th March 2020

Keeping safe and healthy

Hi,

I hope that you are all managing during these turbulent times.

Hopefully you have all been contacted by your child's school, either by class staff or the wider staff team.

We want to keep in contact to offer support during these challenging times, especially as the structure and routine of the school / work day has been disrupted - this can be challenging for adults as much as your child, as such please find attached a list of online resources that can support your child's and your mental health and wellbeing. I have also included the resources that we are sending to our staff as you also may find these useful.

The government message is still the same - **safest place for everyone is at home.**

Each school in the trust is working hard to provide support for your child, for the schools that have closed this includes work and daily activities sent home. Any decision has been made with parents, and those who are key workers have understood that safety is the priority.

Based on all the guidance we have, any provision that is in place should be for children who have no adult at home that can look after them because they are key workers:

- Families with 2 adults, or more, in the home - **all must be key workers.**

Any offer in place is likely to change in each school as the weeks progress as staff either go into, or return from, isolation. Therefore, schools may shut / partially re-open / shut again, and this will increasingly involve children who fall into the 'vulnerable' category.

For families who are entitled to free school meals, we have now sent out e-vouchers to each family via email. These emails have come from @creatingtomorrowmat.co.uk. If you have not received your voucher please check all email addresses that you have supplied to school and your spam folder. If you have lost the voucher please contact your school so that we can resend them to you.

I know that these times maybe leaving us feeling very vulnerable however, please do not hesitate to contact your school for any support. We may not be able to directly support, but we will try to find that support for you.

Please look after yourselves and your loved ones

Yours faithfully

Kevin Latham