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## COVID-19 Update

Dear families,

As we move towards the Easter fortnight I hope that you are all looking after yourselves and your loved ones.

I wanted to write to update you on how Creating Tomorrow academy Trust is working to support you, and especially those of you that may be find things a little bit more challenging.

As you may be aware schools should consider offering 'care' provision for children whose parents are key workers - their work is critical to the COVID-19 response; or to those children who would be safer in school due to their individual needs.

Heads are required to carry out risk assessments for their own schools, and for the vast majority of children they will be safer at home. However, the schools are looking at how to staff a provision moving forward and for the schools that are currently closed further information will come from them.

### School Contact

You will have been receiving phone calls from the staff from your schools - I know that some of you have found this a little challenging and have questioned the need for this.

Even though schools may be closed, or partially closed, the government have said that during the school term we still have to contact all families, as part of our statutory duties, to check-in and see if there is any further support you require.

As we move into the 'school holiday' the contact will be less, however if you do need to contact anyone in an emergency please see the details below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead - [staylor@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:staylor@isebrook.co.uk) (07825915669)

Headteacher / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead [tracy.hall@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:tracy.hall@isebrook.co.uk) (07825915567)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - [sarah.douglas@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:sarah.douglas@isebrook.co.uk) (07825915457)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - [jenny.barker@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:jenny.barker@isebrook.co.uk) (07825915486)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - [Julie.fellows@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:Julie.fellows@isebrook.co.uk) (07825915512)

Family support Worker - [louise.tan@isebrook.co.uk](mailto:louise.tan@isebrook.co.uk)

Should you be unable to contact someone from your child's school please do not hesitate to contact myself.

### Free School Meals

For those of you in receipt of free school meals hopefully you have now accessed your vouchers. We can see who has accessed vouchers however we do know that some of you have struggled to open them and so schools will be in touch to talk through the process.

You may have seen in the press that there is a national free school meal voucher scheme being rolled out. We are NOT going to sign up for this and will continue with the Tesco's vouchers - this is because the scheme has not yet been set up and there would be a disruption to the service. We have also taken the decision to continue payments through the Easter fortnight and this would not be available through the national scheme.

Please look after yourselves and your loved ones

Yours faithfully

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