



Creating Tomorrow Multi Academy Trust

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Dear families,

I hope that you're all well.

It was great to see most children return a few weeks ago, and walking around all settings it is clear the care and compassion that the staff are showing in making sure all students settle back into the new routines. You will have heard lots of talk about schools implementing a recovery curriculum and the need to move to the full curriculum by the end of the spring term. This is a particular focus for mainstream schools as their curriculum is predominantly academic. In our schools our curriculum is based upon relationships to build confidence and resilience in our students, the recovery curriculum is our bread and butter!!

As a Trust we will continue to put wellbeing and health and safety at the centre of our decision making. The government has made it clear that special schools should remain open during any stage of a lockdown, and we will endeavour to ensure this. Whilst we have rigorous COVID risk assessments in place for each setting, like many other trusts our concerns are surrounding adequate staffing levels, as if we do not have the staff to keep your child safe we cannot open and as such bubbles may need to temporarily close. As you can imagine this could be at extremely short notice, however we will inform you as soon as possible and let you know what we will do to support your child during any period away from school.

I want to take this opportunity to quickly update you on a few things:

- Our college is now up and running – Creating Tomorrow College welcomed 10 students through the doors, with a focus on employment.
- Over the summer the DfE gave us the green light for a few projects that will develop through the year:
 - Isebrook School (no longer SEN College!) has increased numbers and expanded to a satellite provision to run a Connected Provision for students who have cognition and learning difficulties and identified SEMH difficulties.
 - A local maintained special school has been given the go ahead to convert to an academy and join our Trust – we will share more information as the process progresses.
 - After a lengthy selection process (application and interview) Creating Tomorrow will be opening a special free school in Luton (we have named it Windmill Hill School), for secondary aged students with a broad range of SEND. Planned opening date is September 2021.

As you can see, there are some exciting ventures on the horizon, all of which will help to strengthen our offer to our students.

If you have any questions on any of the things discussed in this email, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Latham