27th March, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are so proud of our school community! The students have responded brilliantly to home learning and I must thank the teachers and support staff for their professionalism, commitment and dedication to ensuring quality learning during this unprecedented time. I also thank the admin staff for their fantastic support at this difficult time.

The learning opportunities are wonderful and it is so good to maintain some form of routine for your child in order to support their wellbeing and keep them busy during this period of staying at home. I would like to thank you as parents for your understanding and patience as we all look to working in a very different way, whilst maintaining your own lives.

There have been so many successes this week from live teaching, submitting work, and learning in the face of adversity. We thank you for sharing the successes and would love any feedback, please send directly to emma@diamond-families.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

Please remember

# If your child is unwell and unable to participate in learning please e-mail reception@support@diamond-families.org.uk as this information is being shared with staff daily.

**# If anyone in your house has a high temperature or a consistent cough please let us know**

**# If you have are struggling to manage at home we have some capacity to add your child tour onsite time table, please contact your childs tutor in the first instance**

**We will not be setting any additional homework over Easter in order for children to catch-up on any work and to have a well-earned rest!**

**# Staff will mark one piece of work weekly and feedback to the pupil in a variety of ways such as voice recordings**

**or via the live teaching sessions.**

It is important to underline that school remains a safe place for children. However, the fewer children

making the journey to school, and the fewer children in school, the lower the risk that the virus can

spread and infect vulnerable individuals in our wider society.

As a school, we are asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children and have asked our alternative provision partners to do the same - for children who are vulnerable and cannot be safely cared for at home. Please get in touch with your child’s tutor if you feel your child would be safer in school and we can arrange on a week by week basis. We have corresponded with families this week but please inform us if you are choosing to isolate at home and use the home education provided instead.

When onsite students will be following the home learning sessions as we have carried out this week but will be in the care of our staff.

**Attached to this letter is a risk assessment which will need completing if your child is to attend onsite sessions**. Unfortunately due to the virus staff will not be able to transport children so please ensure they have safe arrangements to and from school/ alternative provision.

Due to the pressing time some staff have to bring their own children with them.

If staffing levels drop to an unsustainable level due to the virus, we will inform you to contact the

Local Authority who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child can attend.

We thank you, in anticipation, for your co-operation. Most importantly, thank you for your work in

Helping to stop the spread of the virus

Yours sincerely

Emma and Melanie