

**ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST**  
**Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2020**

As we reach what would have been the end of the spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to give you an update.

As you know, we currently have Bourne Abbey open between 8.55am and 3.15pm. Pupils from both our Bourne schools (Bourne Abbey and Bourne Elsea Park) are attending. On average 15 children in total attend each day at Bourne Abbey. We have also had Colsterworth School open for the same hours but there have been far fewer children, indeed some days none. Therefore, Colsterworth School will close this Friday at the end of the day. We have though offered for any Colsterworth keyworkers' children and vulnerable children to come to Bourne Abbey and we will support with transport if required.

**Please can I assure you that Bourne Abbey will continue to be open including school holidays for the foreseeable future for vulnerable children and those of keyworkers.**

Staff from all our three schools have been absolutely amazing and we have produced a rota of staff ensuring we can stay open and also allow staff to have time at home. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are in more than other staff to ensure we have Safeguarding Leaders, SENCos etc at all times. Staff at home are working remotely and providing high quality learning for parents/carers to do at home with their children. This will also continue for the foreseeable future. The Local Authority, DfE and Diocese have acknowledged the vital role our schools are playing in enabling our keyworkers to carry out essential work in supporting those most in need across our communities in keeping other essential services going. I personally know that this would not be possible without our staff team's dedication and professionalism. My thanks as ever go to all our wonderful staff team for their support to ensure we can keep open for our keyworker children and vulnerable children too, as well as making sure those vulnerable and SEND children not in school stay safe and are supported also. It will also be fabulous to have Linda Orme back with us next week at Bourne Abbey as she returns from her maternity leave..... welcome home Mrs Orme!

I will continue to send letters with important updates to parents/carers. I also update our staff team and Trustees/Governors daily with our plans, as we need to be extremely flexible right now as we get further advice and directives from Public Health England and the Government.

Thank you once again for all your support and understanding as we try to navigate through these uncertain times. It has been an absolute privilege for me to be in our schools every day to welcome, thank and try to reassure staff, children and parents/carers as much as I possibly can. I brought 'Lessons from the Geese' with me to Abbey Academies Trust (AAT) and our entire AAT family have been 'flying high together', especially at this challenging time. It is difficult to think about right now, but we will continue to flourish and blossom in the future. We will get through this together because of extremely skilled, capable and enthusiastic staff, fantastic and resilient children who rise to challenges and truly understand our 'take care' ethos on all levels and parents/carers and trustees/governors who so readily contribute to the life of our schools and wider communities.



I will send my own message to all of our children tomorrow.

My thoughts and prayers remain with you all at this Easter time. Keep safe!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore  
Executive Headteacher