ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

25th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 25TH MARCH 2020

Thank you for your support once again this week. As the week has progressed, we have a clearer picture of how many children need emergency childcare during these unprecedented times. Because parents/carers have been respectful of the guidance, I have been able to minimise the number of staff who have come into school to provide this childcare.

The numbers at Colsterworth are particularly small and therefore I have made the decision to make Bourne Abbey C E Primary Academy the 'hub' for childcare of our Key Worker and vulnerable children's families from Monday 6th April. You will note that this is actually the first day of the school Easter holiday however, we feel it is important that we continue to offer this support. I have tried to give you plenty of notice if your child does attend Colsterworth School in order that you can make transport arrangements, but please do contact myself or Mrs Jordan if you have any worries or concerns and we will help in any way we can.

Having a 'hub' allows us to set up a timetable of staff support. I can assure you that staff from all three of our schools in Abbey Academies Trust are keen to be included in the rota at Bourne Abbey. This means that if your child is a Bourne Elsea Park or a Colsterworth pupil, they will always know some members of staff.

We will send out details of Free School Meal collections from Monday March 30th in a letter later this week. Parents and carers from Colsterworth will still be able to collect Free School Meal packs from outside their school.

Support staff, including the office teams and site managers will do weekly health and safety checks at Bourne Elsea Park and Colsterworth. They will also be on the rota to support emergency childcare at Bourne Abbey.

I have also made the decision that children do not need to wear uniform from tomorrow, but can they please continue to bring a packed lunch and a drink. Please can I reassure you that we will continue with rigorous hygiene procedures and if we notice any child/ren or staff with COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore Executive Headteacher