

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/carers,

I wish to update you on Esteem's plans from next week and what impact they will have on your child's education. During this national lockdown your child's safety is our first priority. However, we also want to ensure that all pupils in our academies are able to continue with their learning. So that we can do both, we are offering all pupils full-time learning support in the following ways:

1. Pupils who are most vulnerable with the greatest needs will be offered a full-time place in their school.
2. Other pupils will be offered a 'blended' learning approach, with some time spent in school and the rest of the time at home. During the time pupils are learning from home they will be contacted regularly by staff to support them with their learning. They will also receive physical learning materials as well as access to online resources.
3. Mainstream pupils (at Elmsleigh Infant & Nursery School), who are not vulnerable or nursery age, will be offered remote learning packages that they can access from home. They will be contacted regularly by school staff to support their learning.
4. Pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs, or who's family requires additional help, will be supported remotely by Esteem's Family and Student Support Team (FASST).

The COVID pandemic means that more of our staff will be absent from school than would normally be the case. Therefore, we cannot provide full-time places in school for all our pupils, and this is why some are being offered 'blended' learning packages.

Your headteacher and/or other teachers from your child's school have already been in touch with you to discuss which option is best for your child. Please contact your child's school if you have any other questions.

Yours sincerely,



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