



## Final Daily Update – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### A few thanks

As we finish the day on what has been the toughest schooling period for all of us, we wanted to make sure we didn't miss the opportunity to say some heartfelt thanks.

### Our staff

I want to thank our staff, from across all of our schools and in the Trust, teaching and support staff, all of whom have played a vital part. Since March, when we were thrown into the huge unknown of work that none of us were specifically trained for or had any specific experience of, they have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible service for our students, our families and our communities.

As I have said before, anything we do, we do to the best of our ability and always with the best of intentions. We may not have always done things the way everyone thought we should have, but as I look back I am proud of everything we have done and the goodwill with which it was done. We learnt rapidly as we went along and I know the vast majority of you will want to thank our staff for all their efforts. Much of this work goes unseen. It is the beavering behind the scenes that means the show goes on. I am humbled and grateful for all their efforts.

### Our students

We really do have the most wonderful students. As adults, we know that the time between being children and becoming young adults can be a time of great angst. There is already so much to come to terms with in this transition period that can be difficult to navigate. To have juggled the additional pressures of the last few months is more than any of us adults have had to face.

- To have spent this time in lockdown, without the face to face interaction with friends.
- To tackle learning without the on hand support of their teachers or the available outreach of other support staff.
- To not be able to come to school and spread your wings and enjoy the variety and the challenges of daily life.

All of this will have had varying degrees of difficulty for all of our students.

We are proud of all of their efforts, however great or small, and we will work closely with each and every one of them to find out where they are when they return and to get them back on course for where we know they can be. We will take care of them, largely because we have missed them terribly and we can't wait to welcome them fully back.

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Our review appointments over the last few weeks, coupled with all our Face to Face Plus, has reminded us what a fantastic group of individuals we have the privilege to work with. So thank you to each and every one of them for everything they have managed to do.

To our outgoing Year 11 particularly – we were robbed of so much with you, we can't wait to see you on results day, or at GCSE presentation evening, and hopefully at our postponed prom!

### **Our parents**

We know this time has been tough for you all as well, in so many different ways, too many to go into. For some of you, it will have inspired you to come into teaching maybe! For many, we suspect you are more than happy to hand that back to the professionals.

We can't begin to thank you for the messages, emails, social media comments and feedback on our calls that has expressed your admiration of our work. It means the world to us to receive this and has regularly boosted many of us when we were flagging with the effort of trying to get it right.

Thank you for bearing with us, for your understanding and your patience. We don't always get it right but we will always try our best. Thank you for helping us do our best for your children.

### **Governors, Trustees and Local Academy Councillors**

This group of people work to support our Trust and our schools without pay. They give of their time freely to support and challenge us to get it right for your children. Throughout the lockdown they have worked with us to scrutinise our plans and to give us constructive feedback and suggestions. They are often the unsung heroes of our success. Thank you for your time and dedication, it is always appreciated, but particularly through this time.

Particular thanks to Mrs Dicker, our Chair of Trustees, who met every morning with our Executive Team online for our daily planning sessions (apart from once this week when she had a long hoped for hair appointment).

### **Our Grocery Box Teams and Donators**

Some of our families, many completely out of the blue, have been hit hard during lockdown. Throughout that time, we have delivered full grocery boxes with basic essentials for three meals a day per family. These families have genuinely struggled and have been so grateful to receive these boxes due to the situation they have found themselves in. They have repeatedly said they cannot thank us enough for the difference we have made. Many are overwhelmed and not able to speak. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this and the difference it has made.

We often say that we are a family, and this just shows how families look after each other.

We have made a total of 13 deliveries of grocery boxes to over 100 families across the schools, as well as a further 5 deliveries of lunch boxes to 130 families prior to vouchers being issued.



We have had regular and large donations from:

- Flavour Fresh salads – fresh fruit and tomatoes
- Bryans Salads
- Morrisons PLC
- J and D Rimmer & sons Ltd
- Dr Oetker

We were also supported in other ways with heavy discounts by other businesses including:

- West Lancs Butchers
- Rowlands Dairies
- Booths
- B & M Bargains
- Asda PLC
- West Lancs Butchers Ltd
- Fresh and Fruity Ltd

All of this was driven by Mrs N Fairhurst, our Executive Director of Student Services and a core group of staff who have supported every week in purchasing and collecting the goods and packing boxes, delivering parcels and emailing companies. These include particularly but not exclusively (from across our schools):

- Mrs Watson
- Mrs Powell
- Mrs Hammerton
- Miss Daly
- Miss Anderson
- Mrs Alcock
- Mr Lewis
- Mr Hurst
- Mr Howard

### **Support During the Summer Break**

Although our phones and emails will not be monitored at local school level, if you do have any urgent queries please don't hesitate to email [enquiries@endeavourlearning.org](mailto:enquiries@endeavourlearning.org) which will be checked throughout.

In particular, if you have specific uniform issues (such as bespoke skirt length requirements for taller students) please get in touch for us to help you with this.

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In our absence, if you need any further help from wider agencies do not hesitate to contact any of those listed below:

**General contacts:**

- Lancashire Police – 101 or online at [lancashirepolice.uk/reportonline](http://lancashirepolice.uk/reportonline)
- NHS helpline – 111
- School nurse text service (11-19 year olds) - 07507330510

**South Ribble useful contacts:**

- Children’s Social Care -0300 123 6720

**West Lancashire useful contacts:**

- Burscough Neighbourhood Centre – 01772 539680
- The Birchwood Centre – 01695 713248
- West Lancashire Together – feeling vulnerable or need support free helpline 0800 616 667 (daily 7am-7pm)

**Mental Health Support, Advice and Guidance**

- Samaritans 116 123
- MIND [www.lancashiremind.org.uk](http://www.lancashiremind.org.uk)
- CAMHS [www.lscft.nhs.uk/CAMHS](http://www.lscft.nhs.uk/CAMHS)
- [www.healthyyoungmindspsc.co.uk](http://www.healthyyoungmindspsc.co.uk)

**Housing advice support and guidance**

- [www.southribble.gov.uk/southribbletogether](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/southribbletogether)
- 01772 625625
- 01772 421491

**Domestic abuse advice support and guidance**

- National Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 200 247
- Lancashire Victim Support – 0300 325 0085
- Clare House Womens refuge + 24 hour helpline [www.southribble.gov.uk/content/domestic-abuse](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/content/domestic-abuse) 01772 435865
- Mens Domestic abuse advice line 0808 801 0327
- GALOP – LGBT & Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 000 5428 [advice@galop.org.uk](mailto:advice@galop.org.uk)



## **AND FINALLY**

We anticipate a further update from the Department of Education on August 11<sup>th</sup> and our senior teams are meeting altogether on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> August to finalise our plans for September based on what this latest guidance will say.

As such, we hope to send our final plans out to you by 21<sup>st</sup> August.

For now, let's assume we will all be back by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (staff will be in on 1<sup>st</sup>) when we hope we can be as near 'normal' as health and safety and the latest guidance allows.

In the meantime, it simply remains for me to wish you all a safe, happy and hopefully relaxed summer break. Take care of each other and we hope that September brings better news and a clear way forward for us all.

**With best wishes,**

*Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School*

**Stay safe**

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