



LIFE Education Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are well and coping with the extremely difficult situation we are currently facing. The incredible strength of character and agility that you have all shown is so impressive.

Since Christmas we have worked together as a Trust to ensure that every child in every LIFE school has access to remote learning set by our staff and overseen by our senior leaders. This work is age specific, linked to the appropriate curriculum and monitored regularly by staff. We have also created two weekly competitions with prizes this half term which I hope your children will take part in. They can be accessed here:

<https://lifeeducationtrust.com/competition/>

Over the weekend the government has revised its guidance on attendance in schools. The new regulations state:

Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**

We have done everything possible to create safe environments in our schools but it is clear that in Essex and Havering the infection rate is perilously high and the overwhelming message from our local authorities and the government is to stay at home unless it is essential to go out. Please do consider this message from the government carefully.

It continues to be incredibly frustrating for us all that we cannot return to full teaching at our schools and we can assure you that we continue to check the daily changes in policy and regulations so that we will be ready as soon as any return to greater normality is possible.

With best wishes to you all

Julian Dutnall
CEO

