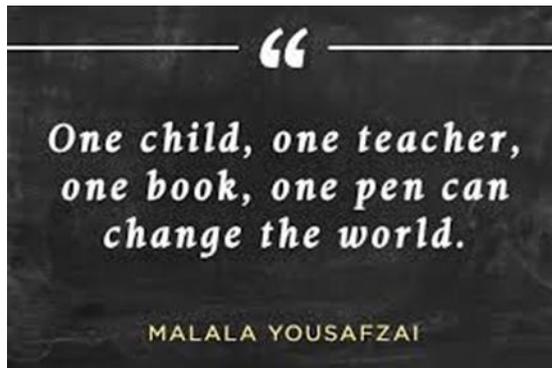


Message from Debi Bailey, CEO

Dear Families



What a fantastic week we have had across our schools.

All primaries have now welcomed back Year 6 children and Benfield welcomed back Year 10 and Year 12 students. We now have over 300 children attending daily across the trust and while this is nowhere near the numbers of children we normally have in our schools, it is a sign that things are slowly returning to some kind of normal. For all of the children who are back in school, the atmosphere has been fantastic and we are so proud of how they have all returned to school. They have embraced the measures we have put in place to keep all pupils and staff as safe as possible and they have told us that they are really happy to be back.

Having more children back in school however also makes us very sad as it reminds us that so many of our children are still not able to return. It remains our greatest wish to welcome ALL children back, even just for a short time before the summer and we really hope that things continue in this positive direction and we are able to offer something for everyone. We will update you as and when things develop so please make sure that you follow your school's Facebook page/Twitter feed and you check the school website regularly.

For those children who are not currently attending, all schools are continuing to provide home learning resources and I would urge you to support your children in engaging with these. When this is over, and it will be one day soon, what will make the biggest difference to your child will be how well they have kept key learning ticking over. If you need any support with any aspect of home learning, please contact school as staff are very happy to help.

I want to end today by again thanking you for the support that you continue to give to our schools - we really could not continue to do this without your support. I have found a poem below that I hope reminds you of the precious relationship between a teacher and their students.

Take care of yourselves.

Thank you, Teacher,
For reaching deep in me
to find all I can be,
before I can see it myself.
You never gave up on me.
I have a future
because of you.

By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com

We can help control the virus if we all **STAY ALERT**

-  Stay at home as much as possible
-  Work from home if you can
-  Limit contact with other people
-  Keep your distance if you go out
(2 metres apart where possible)
-  Wash your hands regularly

 And if you or anyone in your household
has symptoms, you all need to self-isolate.

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES