

## Dear Parents and Carers

I want to thank you for supporting your children with their home learning during the last few weeks. I appreciate the strain this must have placed on many of you, especially if you have children in different year groups at very different stages of the curriculum, or if you are trying to work from home yourselves.

Our teachers have been very busy during this time of lock down. Staff have been on rotas for either being in school with key worker's children, or working from home on curriculum planning for home learning. Support and administration staff have also been on rotas for running the school offices or working from home carrying out duties such as reporting attendance or managing the delivery of food hampers. Of course, having fewer children in school has been a great opportunity for our caretakers to get some essential jobs done, which are sometimes difficult to achieve with a full house! In truth, schools have been far from closed over the past few weeks.

As for the Trust central team, well, it's been business as usual more or less for us, albeit working from home. School's finances are still being managed and vacant posts still need to be filled. I've been working with my team on further developing the school's curriculum for next year and more recently, 'recovery' planning for the possibility of a safe and happy return to school for more children in the near future. I will be in touch with further details of how and when our schools will open in due course.

With very best wishes

Jo Brinkley  
CEO The Spring Partnership Trust

## Message from Gulcin Sesli – Executive Head Teacher for SMCPA, MPS and LPS

We are really pleased that all our schools have been open every day since lockdown started. All our schools remained open throughout the Easter holiday period for pupils of key workers. By doing so we were able to support the NHS and national effort to keep essential services running.

Thank you to all our Heads and their teams for providing a vital service and providing our pupils with stability during this period of challenge. We could not do this without you!

Drawn by the Castlecombe and Dorset Road children who are currently in school.



## StarLine Home Learning Helpline

StarLine will help parents and carers in the following ways:

By providing access to a team of qualified teachers, education and parenting experts.

- By focusing on providing practical ideas, support and reassurance.
- By offering tips, techniques and resources to enable parents to give their children the support they need to continue learning while schools are closed.
- By supporting family wellbeing and mental health.
- By covering all phases of education and subjects plus behaviour, pupil wellbeing and SEND.

StarLine is available to parents and carers of pupils from all schools nationwide. Free, confidential advice is available six days a week by phoning the StarLine team on 0330 313 9162. For more information, visit [www.starline.org.uk](http://www.starline.org.uk) or follow [@StarLineSupport](https://twitter.com/StarLineSupport) on Twitter.

The team behind StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly programme on YouTube. In each episode of StarLive, a guest presenter will share practical ideas for home learning. Further details can be found on the StarLine website.

If you are interested in becoming a StarLine partner please email [linda.thompson@staracademies.org](mailto:linda.thompson@staracademies.org) or [sophie.backen@staracademies.org](mailto:sophie.backen@staracademies.org) for further details.



Open six days a week

**0330 313 9162**

## Olive Dining

We know this has been a difficult time for staff and families and we at Olive Dining have been working closely with The Spring Partnership Trust and are very pleased to be able to offer all free school meal pupils a food hamper each week with all of the essential food commodities in.

We are also cooking freshly prepared hot meals at each of the schools every day for all the key workers children and staff.

This has been working brilliantly across all the school sites and the children are even getting involved helping their parents come up with new lunch ideas and to make it fun and exciting. We are very pleased to be able to do our bit to help in the current situation.

‘Please take care and stay safe, from everyone at Olive Dining.’



## Parent Survey – Home Learning

You will all have received, via Parentpay or via a paper copy, our letter advising of the parent survey which we are undertaking to ascertain IT equipment accessible from your home, for school learning. If you have any concerns regarding your child's ability to learn or access school activities at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school where somebody will be able to help you.

## Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Addendum

### AN ADDENDUM TO OUR CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY

We have carried out a review of our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy following the publication of new guidance on safeguarding during COVID-19 from the Department for Education.

An addendum to our existing Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been approved by Governors and reflects the changes we have put in place and our procedures in response to the Coronavirus outbreak and temporary closure of the school.

All staff and volunteers are aware of the new policy and are actively working with our safeguarding team and Designated Safeguarding Lead to promote the safety and wellbeing of all students within Hayes School.

This policy will be kept under review as circumstances evolve and we will inform all of any further changes.

The policy addendum compliments existing arrangements and the full policy published on the trust website. It is available online via the school website.



## Bromley Covid-19 Volunteer Scheme



### PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE VULNERABLE OR STRUGGLING

Do you know of any families who may need practical assistance at this time, for example with shopping, posting letters, collecting parcels, collecting medicine, etc?

If so, please let any parents/carers that may be facing challenges with these types of tasks know that they can **register for support from community volunteers in Bromley**.

The link for the form is: <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/requestforassistanceform>.

More information from the Government can also be found [here](#).