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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to update you on a few essential matters as this spring term comes to a close.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given your children in the early weeks of these unprecedented times. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Kettering Science Academy, along with all schools nationally, closed. We have had to stay at home, wherever possible, to stop the spread of COVID-19. This has meant a very different way of working for us all.

#### Easter Holidays

The Easter holidays begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Staff will not be setting work during these two weeks. School will remain open only for essential provision for key workers and specific groups, who we have already made contact with. If you are planning to send your child in (only if absolutely necessary) please let us know by emailing Claire Greaves, Designated Safeguarding Lead, [cgreaves@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:cgreaves@ketteringscienceacademy.org). We will not be able to provide care for your children unless we know in advance they are coming.

#### Emergency School Closure: Home learning

Staff have been working hard to set work for your children using a variety of online platforms. The details of this can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Working+at+Home&pid=178>

I know that many of your children have been working hard and submitting completed tasks to their teachers. I would like to emphasise that your children should only complete the work that they can. Of course they can message their teachers, through Teams, for help or seek support from yourselves, but I reassure you that we will not be chasing incomplete work at this time. If it cannot be completed then it should be left.

#### Free School Meals

If you are eligible for Free School Meals you should have been contacted about the new e-voucher arrangements that begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. These will be available throughout the Easter holiday period as well as in the new term. If you have any queries about this please email [enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org) and we will help you.

#### Wellbeing and mental health

In these difficult and unusual times, it is inevitable that we all feel a range of emotions and will need support some time. On the website there are a number of pages with information that can help both parents/carers and

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children/young people. Please check the 'Notices' page:

<https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/news/?pid=50&nid=3>, every few days for updates.

### E-safety

It is increasingly important to support your children to stay safe online. There is a wealth of information on the school website for parents and pupils at:

<https://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=110>

### Being the best you can be

Send in your good news stories and examples of how your children are learning to their Head of Year and we should be able to Tweet them and share them with the community. After Easter we are hoping to put together a weekly newsletter and on your students Year Teams group I have added a short message on video to wish all our students my best wishes and I will send more of these as next term unfolds.

I thank you again for all your support at this difficult time and wish you and your families all the best and please keep safe.

Yours faithfully

Tony Segalini  
Principal

Yours sincerely

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