

# Information for Parents & Carers

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Dear parents/carers

Esteem Multi-Academy Trust is continuing to follow the Government's guidance on the Coronavirus. All our academies are open for the most vulnerable pupils and children of key workers. We are following government guidance over how and when schools will open fully in the future and will keep you updated.

While we are open for a limited number of pupils, to help reduce the spread of the virus, our academies are providing online learning opportunities for pupils. Academy staff are also regularly phoning the homes of pupils to make 'safe and well checks'.

Many of our pupils have education, health and care plans (EHCPs) and we are continuing to review the progress that pupils make towards the objectives in these plans. Therefore, annual review meetings are still taking place either on the phone or via video conference facilities such as Zoom or Skype. You will be contacted by your school when your child's annual review is due to take place and how you can access these meetings. Representatives of agencies such as social care will be invited to these remote meetings, as appropriate. We can also arrange for parents to dial-into meetings that are held by social care about your child.

If you need support or guidance, please contact your child's academy, in the first instance. You can also call Esteem Multi-Academy Trust on 01623 859749 to talk to a member of the central team.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or young person or worried they are being abused, you must make a referral to children's social care.

Derbyshire County Council

**Starting Point** 01629 533190 (out of hours **Call Derbyshire** 01629 532600)

Derby City Council

**Initial Response Team** 01332 641172 (out of hours **Care Line** 01332 786968)

Staffordshire County Council

**First Response Service** 0800 1313 126 (out of hours **Emergency Duty Service** 0345 604 2886 or mobile: 07815 492613)

All families and young people are invited to join the Esteem Early Help Facebook group. This page is being run by the Early Help Team with content being uploaded daily on fun activities, support services, staying safe and advice on self-care and wellbeing. The team are also available for all families to contact them via this Facebook group to request advice or guidance.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1654214071393945/>

For families currently working with an Early Help Key Worker, that worker will continue to keep in touch and is happy for you to contact them on their mobile phone.

I understand this is a very difficult time for everyone, particularly the pupils in our academies and their families. We are doing our best to make sure your child is well supported during this period and we look forward to schools fully reopening in the near future.

Kind regards,

Julian Scholefield

**Chief Executive Officer**

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