

# Creating aspirations and enabling achievement

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new term at Aspire Learning Trust. I hope that you had a good Christmas break despite the COVID-19 situation. There seems to be constant change in education on a week by week basis, but we remain committed to providing an excellent education for your children in these trying circumstances. I am really proud of the staff at Sir Harry Smith Community College, New Road and Park Lane who all kept schools open despite the need for considerable planning to take place after the lockdown announcement. We have received lots of thank you letters from parents and we appreciate your support.

As we move into lockdown, we are keen to provide a good education for all those pupils whose parents' work is critical to the coronavirus response. At present we are coping well with the numbers attending but please think carefully about whether to take up this offer because we are keen to follow the government's advice, "stay at home, wherever possible". We always make the safety of staff and children a priority and this means there are a limited number of places we can cope with whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.

We are determined to provide a good level of remote learning to all pupils and we have been working hard to develop systems that ensure pupils receive strong provision. Please let schools know if you are having difficulties and we will try our best to solve them.

Whittlesey is a special community and Aspire Learning Trust is here to provide a safe space for your children whilst ensuring they receive a great education. As a Trust we will ensure that schools have the financial backing to continue with all of their plans for school improvement and premises development. We won't let the pandemic slow our efforts to keep improving.

Our Trust support team have this week submitted bids to the Department for Education for £766,000 of building improvements and have committed £57,000 of our own funds as a contribution.

We will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of your children.

Yours sincerely



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