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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health. Our learners have now fallen in to a routine both at home and within the academy- thank you to parents and staff for making this happen. Each child learning at home has had a Zoom call with their teacher or myself this week; it has been wonderful to see them and speak to parents face to face as well.

Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week. I enjoyed being able to drop off their certificates and congratulate your children on their super learning. Please try to encourage your child to attend the Monday and Thursday assemblies and their class Zoom meetings; it really has been wonderful to see the children greet one another on screen.

Similar to last week, I would like to share any updates/developments that have arisen.

### **Attendance**

Although provision is available in school for 'critical workers' may I remind you of government guidance that children should only be in school if it is absolutely necessary. We are here to support you the best we can.

I appreciate that most families sticking to the guidance which helps reduce the risk in school. Unfortunately, some families have been mixing with other households after school. I cannot put enough emphasis on the seriousness of the possible consequences of these actions. The guidance is clear- please adhere to it to help keep the staff and children, who are in school, safe.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

With Free School Meals so prevalent in the press I would like to reiterate to all parents that we purchase vouchers which parents can use in shops of their choice when purchasing food for their children.

Nottinghamshire have notified schools that they will not continue to provide funding for FSM over the February half term. This was the most up to date information we had at the time of writing; I will update you should this change.





# Be inspired to Learn...

**\*\*FREE tuition for Mums, Dads, Carers & Grandparents with children aged 0 up to 5 years**

## **Opening Doors with Confidence (VIRTUAL) (Creating Confidence through Mindfulness)**

This is a VIRTUAL Family Learning course for parents with children aged 0-5



**6 week course running 9:45-11:45am on ZOOM, starts Thursday 25th Feb and concludes Thursday 1st April.**

### **COURSE DELIVERED THROUGH ZOOM**

This course will provide a non-judgmental, supportive environment for you to explore ways to communicate with your family.

On this course, you will learn:

- The importance of self-esteem
- How to challenge limiting beliefs
- Mindfulness to boost confidence
- How to become more assertive
- Stress reduction techniques

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