

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about our response to the present situation.

We have been doing everything we can to support our children and families in their daily lives and to help avoid social isolation despite the disruption of coronavirus pandemic.

I am proud that KCA has continued to provide support for our families and vulnerable children during this period.

Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic we have continued working with Harrow Council to provide a day care service that caters for the most vulnerable children's needs and support local special schools offer.

As the lockdown eases we are aiming to open the service to more children. We will be restarting some outreach services, where safe and able to do so, from the end of this week.

Following government guidance for schools and care settings, our team is working to establish how to provide the summer holiday schemes in a safe way, hoping to support more children and young people.

Our family support team has been up and running albeit it remotely throughout the crisis and has been offering a listening ear, as well as help. They have been offering advice on how to access funding, food banks, volunteer services and practical activities for children to do from home. Also, our therapeutic/counselling services have continued offering remote sessions to young people and parents.

Very special thanks to our amazing, committed and dedicated core staff team who have gone above and beyond anything we could have expected, quickly adjusting to the demands of these challenging times. .

We are also very pleased to say that our Operations Manager, Ilias Kostalas, has now returned from long term sickness, which has kept him away during this period. You will be hearing from Ilias very shortly with an in depth update regarding services and KCA's coronavirus response.

Lastly, we were successful in securing grants from City Bridge Trust and John Lyons Charity to ensure that we can carry on providing our family support and therapies work for the next 3 years.

We look forward to welcoming you back to KCA very soon; if you need further information please visit our website and Facebook page or contact our Managers Megan and Deborah at KCA.

In the meantime please take extra special care.

Yours sincerely,

Gabby Machell

Chief Executive

