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Dear Parents and Carers

The Reopening of our schools from 1st June 2020

I hope that you all continue to stay safe and keep well. It's hard to believe that we would today be breaking up for half term had things been as normal! **A reminder that schools will remain open to key worker and vulnerable children over the half term, except for on the bank holiday Monday 25th May, when schools will be closed.**

As you know, the government has set out their plan to welcome Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 children back into school from Monday 1st June. They have also outlined how secondary schools should aim to have some form of face to face contact with Y10 and Y12 students over the course of next half term. This is in addition to the current provision being offered to key worker and vulnerable children.

Over the last week or so, the government has published further guidance to support schools in determining how this might work best. Across our trust, our Headteachers, senior leaders, trustees, and governors have engaged in discussion in order to consider the approaches most suitable for our schools. Detailed plans have been developed in line with government guidance, along with comprehensive risk assessments, to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. We will be in a position to share these with you on Tuesday 26th May. You will receive details about the reopening plans directly from your child's school.

The safety of our pupils and staff has and will always be our number one priority throughout this challenging period. This has been central to all decision making at all times.

Our aim, like most schools, will be to see pupil numbers attending school rising as infection rates nationally continue to fall and as lockdown restrictions are gradually withdrawn. The government ambition is for all pupils to return to school before the end of the summer term. We will of course be guided by the government on this and keep you informed.

In the meantime, the phased approach to reopening will enable us to responsibly manage social distancing and ensure that our health and safety mechanisms are working effectively.

We will continue to ensure that all pupils receive appropriate, good quality home learning resources until the time we welcome all back to school. We await an update on the provision of technological devices to support some children with their learning at home.

I must stress that we are responding to ever changing situations and are endeavouring to keep you as fully informed as possible whilst doing so. The Prime Minister is due to give his school reopening update on the 28th May, should anything change, we will keep you informed. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought exceptional challenges to us all but we aim always to make the right decisions for our pupils, your children, and our staff.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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