



22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you all once more for your continued support and the feedback you have provided to our schools in light of the current situation.

You should have all by now received information from your individual schools on the procedures proposed to be in place once our schools re-open.

Before this half term officially closes, I would like to provide further clarity on the stance of the Trust in regards to the opening of our schools from the 1st June.

A final decision to re-open any of our schools on the 1st June is fully reliant on the following factors:

- *Further announcements or guidance from the Government on the re-opening of schools*
- *The arrival of PPE orders ensuring adequate PPE equipment is available for all staff*
- *We are able to meet the requirements of our health and safety risk assessments and adequate staffing ratios are in place and not compromised*

It is important to note that the factors detailed above are completely out of our control, however all of our schools will continue to prepare for a potential return for Year One and Year Six pupils on the 1st June, initially for three days each week.

Once the Government have made their announcement (anticipated on Thursday 28th of May), we will be able to provide you with more information on the conditional plans for the re-opening of our schools. Until then, we will continue with our preparations as detailed in previous correspondence.

All parents/carers who have requested a place via our recent survey will have been contacted individually to confirm arrangements for their child/children. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow access to school for any children where such arrangements have not been confirmed prior to the 1st of June.

To assist us in our preparations, all Trust schools will be closed throughout the coming half term break for all children.

School places for vulnerable children and those whose parents and carers are key workers will continue to be provided as normal from 1st June. Work for those children who will remain at home will continue to be set via our school websites.

We are awaiting further guidance on the free school meal voucher scheme and will provide you with any updates we receive.

We fully recognise that this will be an uncertain time for many of you, posing a number of questions and concerns relating to your own circumstances. This is why we will endeavour to ensure that we provide you with as much information as possible, as soon as it becomes available to us.

Wishing you all a safe and happy bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amarjit Cheema', with a small flourish at the end.

Amarjit Cheema OBE