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Dear Parent / Carer

Government Statement & Guidance – Proposed Re-opening of Schools

Following on from the Prime Minister's statement to the nation on Sunday 10 May, I wanted to take the opportunity to signpost all parents / carers and pupils to the guidance that has been issued in relation to the proposed re-opening of schools as follows:

'From 1 June we expect to be able to ask primary schools to welcome back children in nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6. We will also ask secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges to offer some face-to-face support before the summer holidays to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year. Nurseries and other early years providers, including childminders, will also be asked to begin welcoming back children from 1 June.'

Existing arrangements for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers in all settings will continue, and we encourage all eligible children in these priority groups to attend.'

The Department for Education (DfE) has also now published the following specific guidance for parents and carers which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Please rest assured that we are now giving full consideration to the government guidance in order to be able to confirm the exact arrangements for re-opening the academy to more pupils. In doing so, it is important to stress that the safety of pupils and staff is of paramount importance and that this is fundamental to the planning and risk assessment process that is currently taking place.

I hope that you will appreciate that at this time we are unable to provide any further specific details of our planned approach for parents / carers and pupils given the proximity of the release of the government guidance. However, we will ensure that any confirmed arrangements are released as soon as is possible, and in the meantime we will be in touch with parents / carers of pupils in Year 10 to gain confirmation of expected pupil attendance where applicable, and to gauge your views by providing any specific information that you feel is relevant.

As has previously been communicated, at this time the academy remains open specifically for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers, and there has been no change to the guidance in this respect to date. If you are a key worker covered under the government classification, and you intend to use the Emergency Care Provision offer but haven't previously done so, please ensure that you complete the booking and declaration form available online to request a place as follows:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EENLhb8NQUKuQU3wpPjbr-k6D20I2hGmWdRbmXP5E5UNDEzWY1QjITWUVPV05BNzBRTDq0SU5WVC4u>

It is important to note that places for Emergency Care Provision will only be allocated following completion of **both** the booking form and declaration form, and that pupils should not attend the academy unless a place has been confirmed by email (or by telephone where requested).

In conclusion, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience in this matter, with an assurance that we will continue to keep you fully informed of developments in the period leading up to the time when we invite further pupils to attend the academy.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Walker
Principal