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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that the Prime Minister announced yesterday that the conditions had been met for schools to begin a phased re-opening from Monday 1 June for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. At our Trust, our priority will be on ensuring the safety and well-being of our staff and learners in this next phase and specifically on the re-engagement, nurture and support for the young people who will be in school, despite what may look and feel like a different environment.

Staff have been involved in significant preparation in order for our schools to be ready to welcome learners. Risk assessments have been completed as well as modifications to school premises which include: new signage, distance marking and one-way systems. New arrangements for cleaning and provision of catering have also had to be planned for. All of these have been reviewed by the Board of Trustees and will continue to be scrutinised by its Audit and Risk Committee. They have decided today that the conditions have been met for safe opening of our schools. Staff in all schools are being inducted into new school arrangements as well as receiving health and safety training on Monday, 1 June.

I wish to express my gratitude to Trust and school senior leaders along with other staff who have worked without break, during what should have been a half-term holiday for them, in order to make this happen. We are all looking forward to welcoming children back into our schools and regret that we can only invite small numbers for the time being. Thank you for your patience while we introduce these new interim arrangements.

School-specific detail will have been provided by your child’s school and will vary according to site constraints although the principles are the same across the Trust.

Kind regards

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