



11th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure many of you, if not all, have just viewed the Prime Minister's address to the Nation. You will have heard that potentially from the 1st June, primary schools will start to re-open in phases starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. There was also reference to children taking exams next year (Year 10) having "at least some time with their teachers before the holidays".

In the coming days more detailed guidance on the conditional and phased re-opening of schools will materialise, and we will begin planning how we can do this in a safe manner for both our pupils and staff.

Planning for possible future re-opening of schools

I would like to reassure you ahead of Sunday's announcement that as a family of schools we were already working together, along with our specialist partners, planning for the potential re-opening of schools.

We are refraining from speculating about the detail of what the Government will publish but have agreed three priorities to guide our future actions: Communication, Care and Control.

Communication

- Regular communication with staff, parents and pupils
- Explain our re-opening plans
- Clearly signpost additional information (as required)

Care

- Understand that everyone, our children and our staff, will have experienced this crisis differently
- Be proactive in identifying those who need extra help and sensitive to individual needs

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Control

- Use our expert specialist partners to support us in detailed planning
- Consider all control measures: prevention, separation, hygiene, protection and response

Please be assured that we will continue to update you with our action planning as it develops.

In the meantime, we will continue to:

- *open for the children of critical workers*
- *work hard to improve distance learning for all children*
- *do our best to make sure our children are safe.'*

At this stage, we are unable to provide further comment and ask that you await further communication from us.

Yours sincerely

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