

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Following Government announcements, I wanted to keep you fully up to date with the current plans we are making. As always, it is crucial that we keep communicating to each other and if you have any worries or concerns you know that I am always here to listen to them.

This week, as a Trust, all of the Primary School Headteachers met online and we continue to talk to each other every day.

We are working hard to ensure that children can return to school when it is **safe** to do so. This is important for all members of our school community.

We want to share this with you now so that you know what we are reviewing at the moment.

Now that we have more guidance, we will be:

- conducting a detailed technical health
- and safety review from professionals employed by Bellrock, the specialist company who manage our facilities. This will help us to plan for the changes we need to make to support hygiene and social distancing measures as we open to more pupils.
- working with our staff to understand their views and concerns to ensure that we have a very clear picture of who can be in school and who will need to work from home.
- working with you as parents and carers to understand your concerns and views. We will issue further information and a survey next week to gather your thoughts so that we can take your feedback to inform our next steps.

These initial actions will then enable us to consider in detail how we can support the Government's plans for the remainder of the summer term.

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We are also already committed to:

- continuing to run our small school provision for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children
- continuing to provide vouchers to support our families eligible for free school meals
- ensuring our distance learning resources and work pack delivery continues to improve for all year groups.

We are committed to re-opening the school to more pupils. **Our priority will always be the health and welfare of our pupils and our staff and so we will take as much time as we need to work out what we think is best for everyone.** We are also committed to consulting with you, keeping you informed and seeking advice and guidance as we develop our thoughts.

We understand people are anxious at this difficult time and that the decision to send your child into school will raise a dilemma for many parents. We are here to support you. We will provide photographs, videos and specific details of the changes we will have in place to help you in preparing your child to come back to school. The government guidance states; *Parents will not be 'penalised if their child does not attend school'*.

If you wish to contact me or your class teacher please do through Class Dojo or by emailing Office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk or by calling 0116 278 0232. Please ensure you state your child's full name when contacting us.

Thank you for continuing to support your children and us and thank you for the thoughtful messages we continue to receive; we are confident that we will find a way through that works best for our community.

Yours sincerely

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