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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the Government announced on Sunday evening that its aim is for schools to open to a wider group of children, from June 1st. For primary schools, this would be those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 initially and for all primary aged children during the last four weeks of term. For special schools, there is an aim to work towards a phased return of more children and young people, informed by risk assessments, without a focus on specific year groups. This plan is subject to regular review and none of us will know with any certainty whether it will be possible for the Government to achieve its aim. You can find out more information via this [link](#).

Schools across the Trust have already begun planning for their eventual reopening, whilst maintaining childcare for children of Key Workers. Taking into account the guidance received from the Government regarding arrangements for keeping children and staff safe, it is unlikely that all schools will be able to offer full time provision. School leaders require time to consider many complex issues and create detailed plans that prioritise the health and safety of your child and school staff within their particular school setting and its community. As I am sure you are aware, whilst schools may use their best endeavours, it will not be possible to maintain social distancing of 2 metres at all times, especially with the youngest pupils.

Headteachers and their staff have difficult decisions to make as to how best to provide for their pupils. This may lead to some differing arrangements across the Trust, such as part time provision and staggered start/finish times. Your child's Headteacher will be contacting you as soon as they are able to inform you of the provision that will be available in their school.

We appreciate that managing these changes and uncertainty is challenging for parents, children and indeed for our school leaders. We also understand that children returning to school part time may cause some difficulties for you as parents.

At this stage, nothing has changed across our schools, home learning will continue, as will provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers

I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during this period.

With kind regards,



David Gregory
CEO

