



Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**COVID 19 – FURTHER GUIDANCE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS ON 11TH MAY 2020**

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening designed to move the country forward from 'Lockdown', you will be aware that primary schools and nurseries have been asked to re-open for nursery children (F1), reception (F2), Year 1 and Year 6.

Our schools are now considering how to respond to this request as well as continuing to offer places for children of key workers and vulnerable children. ***The priority for our schools is that we put the health and safety of our children, families and staff first.***

This means that we will consider carefully at what will work in practice by:



Knowing how many of our staff are available to work



Knowing how many parents will send their children to school



Deciding when it is safe for each group of children to return



Implementing a gradual and phased approach to take account of all health and safety measures required

We must also consider the needs of all our other children who have been asked to remain at home. We want to ensure that these children receive sufficient support and guidance in the coming weeks.



Please be assured that, as soon as we have received the relevant guidance and developed our own plans, we will be making contact with you to share the relevant information.

In the meantime, our status is as it has been since the 23rd. March – our schools are only open for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children deemed vulnerable.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca Meredith  
CEO