



Thursday, 11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Transform Trust Wider School Opening

I am extremely proud of the whole Transform community and its response to the extended opening for Year 6 children. It has been heart-warming to hear all the positive stories from schools, parents and the children themselves about how well they have re-integrated into school life (albeit a slightly altered school life). It always amazes me how quickly children can adapt to changed surroundings, even if it sometimes takes us adults a little longer!

I am delighted to report that every Transform school has opened to those Year 6 children who have chosen to take a place alongside those children who have been attending since March. This has only been possible due to the immense work that has taken place in preparation for the larger number of children coming into school.

Your child's school will be in touch to inform you of their proposed next steps to bring more children back into school. In order to keep to the guidance and ensure the safety of children, staff and by association wider families and communities, there will be a point at which schools will **not** be able to admit any more children.

The capacity of our schools will be limited by:



The availability of staff



Not mixing across 'bubbles' (children or adults)



Limited space because we are adhering to the 2m distancing.

Schools therefore will not be able to welcome back all year groups by July.

I appreciate this may cause upset to children who were looking forward to coming back and to parents/carers who need to work. Whilst we all want to see schools back to "normal" this will not be possible, and as you would expect of us, *we need to put the safety of every member of the school community first.*

Once again I thank you for your patience and understanding. Please be reassured we are working extremely hard behind the scenes, and your children remain at the forefront of all our decision making.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Meredith
CEO