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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Arrangements for the Expansion of Opening

The Secretary of State for Education this week reversed the government's aim for all Primary-aged children to be back in school before the summer holidays and went on to say that the full opening of schools from September cannot be guaranteed.

I write on behalf of the Trust to keep you updated with our plans for expanding opening in schools. Our planning addresses the organisational and safety challenges associated with wider opening now and after the School Summer Holidays in September, assuming that Social Distancing measures remain government policy. I write now to inform any longer-term arrangements that you may want/ need to make. Were changes in Social Distancing Policy announced, our plans would be adapted accordingly and would be immediately communicated with you.

The Chief Medical Officer for England has stated that Social Distancing measures are likely needed until at least the end of this calendar year. This will have significant impact on the number of children/young people in schools. Quite simply, our schools do not have the space to accommodate everybody at the same time while Social Distancing measures are in place. And, alas, the British weather is not reliable enough to plan for 50% of students to be outside at all times.

We are actively risk assessing the various options for wider opening, beyond those arrangements for Year 10 students for the next few weeks. It is absolutely our aim to welcome as many of our children back as soon as we possibly and safely can. Options under consideration at this time for September opening include:

- Two or three days full provision for all weekly (Mon, Tues one week, Wed Thu, Fri the next, and vice versa)
- One week on, one week off for all (half classes or different Year Groups in each week)
- A separate morning and afternoon 'school' daily

Provision for those children identified by the school and the children of Key Workers will remain as current.

Thank you for bearing with us, through these very difficult times. Much uncertainty remains. Rest assured, our schools are doing everything in their power to help the situation. We will keep you informed of further developments as they happen.

Best Regards



Mark Wilson
Chief Executive Officer