

15 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phased Re-Opening of Primary Schools Week Commencing 1st June 2020 – Important Survey

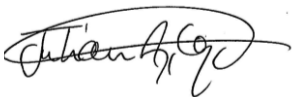
As you will be aware from our update earlier this week, the Trust are currently undertaking a robust risk assessment to determine how the Government's guidance on schools re-opening can be implemented to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

In order to implement the detailed planning required for a potential return to school, it would be very helpful for us to ascertain the number of children we expect to return from week commencing 1st June 2020 in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6. We would therefore appreciate it if parents and carers of children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 could complete a very short survey available here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W26YBQG> by no later than **Monday 18th May 2020 at 12pm**. Even if you have had a discussion with a member of staff about your intentions, please complete the survey. Vulnerable children and children of key workers are still eligible to attend, regardless of year group. We are therefore asking that all parents and carers of vulnerable children and those who are key workers, also complete the survey so that we can ascertain total potential numbers.

In line with the current guidance, we are planning on a return to school for the eligible groups from week commencing 1st June 2020. The date that week will be confirmed when our modeling of numbers and planning is complete. We are giving advance notification to parents and carers of vulnerable children and those who are key workers, that all Trust primary schools will be closed at May half term (week commencing 25th May 2020). This will allow for a thorough deep clean and health and safety checks to be carried out in preparation for the phased return the week after.

We know that this is a deeply unsettling time for us all. As was emphasised in our update earlier this week, we want to reassure you that whilst we want our pupils back in the classroom where they belong, this will only happen once we, as a Trust, are convinced that the appropriate safety measures can be fully implemented. By completing the survey, this will inform our risk assessment and planning. We would like to extend our appreciation of your cooperation in advance.

With very best wishes,



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