



Headteacher: Mrs J Sendall

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you are all well.

I promised to update you if I had any information about plans to reopen schools. The Trust has issued a statement about this, and I have included it below. I want to reassure you that I will be in touch again, once I have more information.

Unity Schools Partnership Trust Statement
Possible partial and phased reopening of schools

Schools across Unity Schools Partnership of course want to see children back at school when it is safe to do so. We have seen the Government announcement that if conditions allow there may be a phased reopening of primary schools from 1 June with children in reception classes and in years 1 and 6 to be the first to return, and that it is hoped that secondary pupils taking exams next year will have some time in school this term - we assume this is those in years 10 and 12. We await further information from Government about the details.

We will be closely following Government guidance that we expect about the possible phased reopening of schools. The safety of both children and staff are paramount to us and we will be working during May on plans to maximise whatever expectations are set out for social distancing in schools. We will be contacting parents about the detailed arrangements that will be needed and when children in different classes will be invited back to school. We do not yet have plans in place that will mean all children in the year groups that Government has prioritised will have school every day. We will be talking with trade unions and colleagues in other schools in our areas and will be contacting parents again as soon as we have more information.

Not all our staff are able to return to school yet and we will be making sure that we have sufficient staff for the number of children that will be in school.

We recognise that parents of children in reception classes and in years 1 and 6 may be anxious about what schools partially reopening will mean and we will welcome their thoughts on our plans as they emerge in the coming week. We will provide more information as we have it about expectations for other year groups, and the children who have already been attending school.

Yours sincerely

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