

7th July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are all well. As we have now entered the last two weeks of this very eventful term, I have been delighted to see so many of our children back in our schools for the year groups that have reopened.

As you know, the Government have announced that from September schools will be reopening for all children, and we are now planning for this. Each school will be contacting you over the next week to give you their proposed dates for reopening. This will include information on how they plan to open in the safest and most effective manner, to ensure we can get our children back into schools and support them with their learning and development.

Each of our schools' uses a different communication system and therefore you **must** ensure that you have access to the system that is used by your school. This will be our main form of communication with you over the summer holidays and into September with regards to reopening and with information on any adaptations or changes that we may have to make to our plans. Each school will also be arranging their reopening in different ways due to differences in their buildings and organisational structure. Please ensure that you have read and fully understood these requirements and, if you have any questions, please contact your school over the next week to ensure that you are clear on these.

It has been very encouraging to see that rates in the local area are lower than in neighbouring areas, and this has been achieved by everyone working together in partnership. I would like to thank those of you who have already responded to our questionnaires which will ensure that we improve our delivery, not only if this happens again, but also for how we can work together in the best way for our children in the future. Can I ask those of you who have not already completed this questionnaire to do so as soon as possible. Your feedback is most useful and will provide essential information in how we can move forward, learning not only from the problems we have faced but also from the more positive aspects of the past few months. The questionnaire can be found using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2020ClOE>. As a Trust we have now placed an order for a substantial amount of computers to support this work, and we hope to be able to develop this from September.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for continuing to work with your children and for supporting your school.

Best Wishes

Paul