



9<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wish to thank you all for your continued support in following the guidance from your academies and the government, designed to keep both the children and the staff safe. It has been and will continue to be essential.

As a Trust we are really pleased to say that as long as national and local guidance stays the same or improves, then we will be able to welcome back all of our children in September, including the new starters in Reception and Nursery. Supporting the welfare and education opportunities for all children is the reason we exist and to be able to do this, safely, with all children in school is something to look forward to.

Working with a range of agencies to ensure that our academies and the routines in them, keep our children and staff as safe as possible, will also mean that you and your children will continue to see and experience different:

- Drop off/pick up routines and times
- Routes around the academy
- Outdoor PE only
- Playtime/lunchtime groupings
- Timetable changes (but with the same amount of learning time)
- Reading book routines
- Classroom set-ups
- Extra hygiene routines (handwashing and a cleaner onsite)

Additionally, it also means that there will be no visitors into the academies for at least the first half term and there will be limited opportunities for you as parents and carers to come in. Whilst we wish this wasn't the case, all evidence is suggesting that adults pose the biggest risk in spreading coronavirus. This means we will ensure that a mixture of senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and at times office staff will be on the gates, socially distanced, to greet the children and at least see you all. Contact to the academy using the telephone, e-mails or letters with your child is all still available.

Your Head Teacher will write to you soon explaining the actual routines for your academy in September including the drop off and pick up times, as well as any other changes to help you and your children prepare for the start of the new school year.



In the meanwhile, I'm also pleased to say that every academy in the Trust will also be open for at least three weeks throughout the summer holidays in order to further support you, the children and our communities. Once again, your Head Teacher will have been in touch with you to organise this.

Finally, the Trust Summer Newsletter will be out next week and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as the children, families and staff have enjoyed the opportunities showcased in it.

Stay safe over the summer and I look forward to seeing all of the children in September.

With all best wishes,

Katrina Morley  
Chief Executive Officer

