



Wednesday, 13th May 2020

Ambitions Academies Trust

Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

I would like to thank you all once again for the support you have given to your sons/daughter's schools or provisions over the past few weeks. I hope once again that you all feel what is being provided by your schools at this time is helping whether that be in the work you receive for your children; the phone calls or visits staff are making or in any other way that connectivity is made.

With the latest announcement by government that at the earliest the 1st June could see some pupils back at school, we want to reassure you that in order to plan for this we shall as a Trust read, interpret and consider every guidance that is available; we will take decisions having thought through everything at our disposal to ensure the safety of everyone when groups of people do have to share a space. So, whether that be numbers in a classroom, handwashing facilities, one-way systems, PPE equipment or any other question that gets raised, in essence, the safety and welfare of *everyone* comes first. Since the guidance documents have been available we have been working hard to complete a robust risk assessment to determine if what we are planning to have in place will provide a low enough risk to proceed. I am sure you will have heard or seen some of the advice that the government have shared with school leaders; and in essence in order to keep the risks low the provision that we will be re-opening will not be the "usual" school experience. There will be small class sizes, no mixing with others whilst on the site, staggered starts and finishes, constant focus on hygiene, social distancing to conform to and many more changes to the normal experience. You will receive further communication in the coming days so that together we can prepare the pupils and make sure that we are all confident in the measures that will need to be in place.

So, over the coming days, look after yourselves and those around you. Trust us to have your best interests central to all decision making. Don't let anxieties take over as we will take each step together. Protecting lives is now and will continue to be our focus. Covid -19 has had the most devastating impact on so many lives. Our hearts go out to you all and everyone is in our thoughts at this time.

With all best wishes

Sian Thomas
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