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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Blowers Green Primary reopening plans

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May 2020, the government has released new guidance for education settings. Links to this guidance are below.

- [Guidance for education settings](#)
- [Guidance for parents and carers](#)

As an overview, the Department for Education has provided the following key guidance:

- No one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason.
- Eligible children – including priority groups – are strongly encouraged to attend their education setting, unless they are still self-isolating or they are clinically vulnerable (in which case they should follow medical advice).
- If someone in the household is extremely clinically vulnerable, they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions.
- Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

I know you will have many questions about this guidance and what this means for our academies. Please be assured that as a Trust we are closely following all safety advice from the government and will treat this as the minimum standard across all our academies. The safety of our learners and our staff is our highest priority.

Below is an outline of what the Trust is planning moving forward. It is important to note that plans are subject to change based on government guidance, the Board of Trustees' approval and feedback from parents and carers.

Reopening plans

The current plan is for Blowers Green Primary to open week commencing Monday 1st June 2020 (date to be confirmed) for Year 6 learners in the first instance, with other year groups coming on board in due course. The reopening plans will adopt a phased approach, which may include a shorter school day and be on a part time basis.

This proposal is also inclusive of a comprehensive risk assessment. Some of the key points in the proposal for reopening are as follows:

- Classes of a maximum of 8 learners in an average sized classroom.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been purchased for all staff (inclusive of face masks, gloves, disinfectant etc.).
- Hand wash will be available at all times and frequently replenished in all academies.
- Year 6 learners will be required to bring a packed lunch to minimise on site catering.
- Social distancing expectations will apply at all times.

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Parent/ Carer Survey

It is very important that we understand how you feel in these anxious times. Therefore, we have put together a parent/carer survey for parents and carers of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 learners to complete.

The responses you provide will be central to finalising our plans to reopen. We also need to produce attendance registers based on your response; **it is therefore vital that a response is provided for each Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 learner.** Below is a link to the survey which will be available until Friday 22nd May 2020, 15:00.

Parent/ Carer Primary Survey

As you know, guidance from the government continues to change depending on the current climate. All our plans are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

We will of course continue to keep you updated where possible and review circumstances on a daily basis.

Thank you for your patience at this time and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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