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Dear Parents and Carers

Reopening of schools update

As I mentioned in my letter to parents yesterday, as a Trust we want to maintain regular communication with families to share information as we prepare for the reopening of schools. The initial focus will be around a June 1st return for primary schools starting with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. The government is also aiming for students in Year 10 and 12 to have 'face to face contact' with teachers before the summer holidays. All of our schools will continue to ensure that those pupils who will continue to work from home will have access to both high quality learning resources and any pastoral support they need.

Yesterday afternoon the government published more detailed guidance specific to education settings on how the reopening of schools will work which we will be reviewing in detail today. In the meantime, the government's Covid-19 recovery strategy published yesterday contained updated information about the importance of being in school for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers:

*The rate of infection remains too high to allow the reopening of schools for all pupils yet. However, it is important that vulnerable children (including children in need, those with an Education, Health and Care plan and those assessed as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities) and the children of critical workers are able to attend school, as is currently permitted. Approximately 2% of children are attending school in person, although all schools are working hard to deliver lessons remotely. **But there is a large societal benefit from vulnerable children, or the children of critical workers, attending school: local authorities and schools should therefore urge more children who would benefit from attending in person to do so.***

The government has also updated the coronavirus guidance, outlined below:

Stay alert

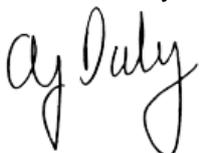
We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Yours faithfully



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