



Communitas Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, we hope that each one of you and your families are safe and well. We also want to reiterate our thanks for your continued support educating your children.

As per the plan we described in our letter on May 22nd, the following has happened:

- Each school has conducted and completed a risk assessment. The risk level is reviewed daily by the head teacher at each school in conjunction with the CEO. If we become aware of an increased unacceptable risk to the children and staff in an individual school, we will inform you immediately and close that school.
- Safety policies, procedures and practices are in place at each school. These are reviewed weekly.
- Within each school, staff training regarding safe practices, routines and learning preparation was completed. As new evidence comes to light regarding safe practices, we will continue to update our staff.
- Children who had been attending the Goose Green hub are now returning to their own schools
- Families were contacted a week in advance of their child's return to school to invite them to do so. This procedure will continue over the coming weeks.
- Next week, children who are in need of additional support will return to school alongside children of key workers and vulnerable children already attending.

In addition to the above:

- Teaching staff and pastoral staff continue to support home learning and the wellbeing of children who are not attending school onsite.
- The trustees, local governing bodies, senior management and teaching staff continue to plan for a return to school of all our children this academic year. As a trust, we are well aware of the importance of attending school for a child's social and educational benefit and we have no desire for any child to remain at home. However, their safety, and that of our staff, remains our top priority.
- We are also planning and preparing for September. At the moment, we have no idea what the levels of risk will be in September and therefore, we are preparing for a variety of scenarios. Evaluating the success, or otherwise, of opening our schools in the current phased manner will inform how we approach things in the future.

As we have said, none of us want our schools closed. This is a far from desirable situation. The positive attitudes of our children and their families has made trustees, governors, head teachers and

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staff very proud to serve and work within our communities. Although we wish things were different, we need to keep going with our current approach. Please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch regarding how your child is doing.

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Paul Murray
Chair of Trustees

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Nick Tildesley
CEO