



Communitas Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this communication finds you and your families well.

We are writing to update you regarding the opening of all our schools this September. Following a meeting of the Trust, LGB chairs and headteachers this week we wanted to write and share our latest plans for reopening of schools.

In line with the government's plan, Communitas Education will be opening its four schools to all children in September. Please note that the specific details of the dates and times will be sent to you by your child's school as these vary slightly across the Trust due to INSET days and arrangements for new reception starters. Schools will also communicate specific arrangements regarding drop-off pick-up times and other organisational items. We also wanted to reassure parents and carers that school leaders and staff have been working hard to ensure that our schools will function as safely as possible as well as ensuring that the joy of learning is not lost as schools reopen.

We know, from recent studies, that our children are generally safe from Covid-19. We know that any risk posed by this virus is higher amongst certain groups. By socially distancing adults from children, adults from adults and by keeping classes separate, we will continue to ensure that our communities stay as safe as possible. Schools and the Trust will keep parents informed of any heightened risk relating to Covid-19 and any subsequent actions required.

Schools are planning to open breakfast and after school provision after the first two weeks. This is to allow schools the opportunity to ensure safe practices are embedded before adding in additional services. Schools will keep parents informed about this provision. Schools, along with the Trust, will review their risk assessments and practices on a weekly basis and again, will inform parents and carers of any necessary changes.

Please note that Covid-19 advice moves and changes rapidly and that schools may have to respond to these changes with very little notice. We will try to ensure that parents and carers are given as much notice as possible if there are any significant changes that affect you.

We are looking forward to having all of our children back in schools this term. We will continue to ensure that the quality of education remains high, that their education experiences are positive and fun and that your children and our staff are kept as safe as possible.

Yours,

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