



12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased that the government has started to clarify the circumstances in which schools will begin to re-open from June.

Ever since schools closed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we have been working on our plans to ensure that when we start to re-open it will be within a safe environment for pupils and staff. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May the government provided schools with some further guidance about what re-opening might look like and some clarity around what is expected of us.

The national plan is for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return first on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, after half term. The government is still to formally announce when other year groups will return, but they have indicated they would like to see all primary children back in school in July. For secondary schools the message is the government expect us to be able to offer some face to face contact with Year 10 and Year 12, but this will not mean a return to full timetables, or children back in school full time. No doubt further information will be communicated on these timeframes and those for all other children in due course.

We are really looking forward to seeing our young people return to school, but to be honest we are also fully aware that some parents and staff will be anxious about how we will provide the safest possible environment for everyone who attends. I want to be clear that we are working carefully, thoroughly and with the best expert advice through the latest government guidance we have received. We will be making appropriate arrangements to ensure everything is ready and safe for their return and, when in any doubt, we will err on the side of caution.

I have included links to the latest guidance below so you can see for yourself the actions we are working through to be as safe as possible on re-opening. I also include the latest advice that has been published for parents and carers

[Guidance for Education and Childcare Settings](#)

[Guidance on Implementing Protective Measures](#)

[Guidance for Parents and Carers](#)

When we have completed all our risk assessment and pre-opening activities, I will be asking your child's school Principal to contact you with the details of how they will organise re-opening and the key information you will need to know to help us do this as safely as possible.

For the remainder of this month please be clear that nothing has changed, and children should stay at home unless their parents are classified as 'key workers' or they are deemed 'vulnerable'.

For full and current information on COVID-19, please visit: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

Please accept my sincere thanks in advance for your patience, support and understanding over the next few weeks and months. Everything we will do will begin from careful consideration of the wellbeing and welfare of all our children and staff and the wider communities we serve.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a clear "Campbell" following.

**Andrew Campbell**

**CEO**

**For and on behalf of Brooke Weston Trust**