



Springwell
Leeds

14th July 2020

Dear Parents / carers

I write to you at the end of what has been an extraordinary school year, a year like no other and year unfortunately, where we have not had our children and young people in school as often as we would like.

I am sure you will have seen and heard in the media that the expectation from the Government is that we bring all our children back into school in September. This is of course our aim, and is what we are planning for carefully. I have been working with the Principals and leaders on each of our sites to make sure that clear and robust risk assessments are in place to make as sure as we can that our academy will be a safe place for us all to come back to in the new school year.

When we reopen for all our children and young people, some routines, systems and organisation will have changed to ensure that guidance for the management of the COVID-19 risk can be observed. In order to ensure that we carefully introduce and test these new systems, we will not be opening full time for all children and young people straight away. We will bring back all our children and young people carefully over the first few weeks of term so that by the end of September, we expect almost every child will be attending school as they did prior to the pandemic.

Every parent / carer will have been informed of the planned arrangements and timescale for the return of their child by the end of the week. If you have not been contacted already by staff on the site which your child attends, you will be in the next couple of days. If you are unclear as to what these arrangements are, or have not been contacted, please get in touch with the site your child attends as soon as possible.

School officially restarts on Monday 7th September 2020 with a training day for all staff and so will not be open to children. Tuesday 8th September is a review day for children, parents and carers on all sites. All children will have been allocated individual appointment times for that day. If you have received a time yet, please contact the site to which your child attends as soon as possible. A full list of key dates for the year is available on the academy website.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at Springwell, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Jacques
Executive Principal
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