



15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday that it is the Government's ambition for schools to begin re-opening from 1st June 2020 at the earliest, Excalibur Academies Trust is carefully considering how we may be able to start to open our schools to some pupils, beyond those children of key workers and vulnerable children who are currently attending.

You can read the Government's published guidance for parents [here](#).

As you can imagine, there is much to be done behind the scenes to ensure that schools are safe for children and staff to return, and we are carrying out risk assessments following Government safety guidance before we are able to confirm which children can return and when. In line with the Government's plans, we plan to open first for children in nursery, reception, Y1 and Y6.

When we re-open, it is likely that we will have a staggered return with some of the above year groups starting before others and that days may be shorter than usual with not every child attending every day. Please be assured that the Trust's top priority is the wellbeing of its staff and children. I hope to be able to give you more details next week of how this will affect your child.

The majority of our schools have been open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children continuously since 23rd March, including the Easter holidays and bank holidays, so we have decided, in order to give teachers, support staff and Principals a break, to **close schools for the May half term (May 25th-29th)**. This will also enable us to ensure schools are cleaned thoroughly and any additional safety arrangements made in the buildings and grounds.

Thank you for continued support and patience during these difficult and uncertain times.

Best wishes,

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