



Tudor Grange Primary Academy, St James

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued patience and feedback as we have continued to work on our plans for more children potentially attending school at some point after the 1st June.

Actions we have taken

Our priority remains the safety and welfare of our children and staff. The actions we have taken so far in phase one of our plans are:

- We have actioned plans to speak to many parents and to our staff about their thoughts and concerns about the possibility of a phased re-opening at some point after half term.
- We have been contacting the parents who we know are key workers to establish whether they are planning to continue to send their children into school now that the guidance has changed.
- A technical team of specialist advisors visited the site on 19th May to support us in writing our risk assessment and plans for the initial stage of more pupils returning to the school.
- We have been meeting with groups of leaders in the Trust to share and review our risk assessments and look at how we can use our resources to improve our distance learning resources and continue to support remote learning for children not in school if most of our teachers are on site.

Although the Government has stated it will not fund Free School meal vouchers for the half term period, the Trust has decided that it will be funding vouchers for next week. We will look at how we can continue to provide some support over the summer to the families who need this, but it now seems clear that the voucher system will stop at the end of term.

For planning purposes, all schools in the Trust have adopted an approach of **'extreme caution'** for this initial phase of re-opening; we are following the technical advice we have received, safety first being our priority.



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Sharing our plans with you

We have included a FAQs document that should help you decide whether you wish to send your child back to school.

We would like you to review our proposals and feedback any comments using this survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IUVmEPIfGE2U9SfICX2T_amemjcl92RLr1z-AXHAtiVUQko3UjYyRExXVDdZV0FWSjRWQ0tGREc4My4u

We would strongly encourage all families to respond to this survey, even if you are currently using the small school provision, or do not intend to send your child back to school at this time.

We will close this survey at 12.00pm on 1st June and use your feedback to make any required refinements to our planning.

If your child is eligible for provision you will need to tell us, through the survey, whether you intend to send them in during this initial phase of re-opening.

We know some parents may choose not to send their child into school initially and we understand this, the Government has made it clear that no action is to be taken if this is the choice you make at this point. We will ask parents of eligible children again after two weeks and if more wish to attend at this point we will re-assess our provision and try to accommodate them. **However, we will not be able to change our plans within the initial three-week period.**

After we have consulted with parents and staff, we will need to present our final plans and risk assessments to the Trustees of Tudor Grange Academies Trust, we are planning to do this on the 3rd June. We will then confirm our final plans and next steps on the 4th June. We will need to set aside some training time for staff and then we will issue a start date after this.

Please remember that the Government is still not clear whether the plans to have more children attending school will go ahead after half term, they are due to re-evaluate this on the 28th May.



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The school will remain open all of next week for the children who are eligible and require the provision. Once again, thank you for continuing to support your children and us, and thank you for the thoughtful messages we continue to receive, they have been so uplifting.

Yours faithfully

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Miss S Deakin
Executive Principal for Primary

