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Dear Parents & Carers

As the debate around a safe and timely return to school continues, I wanted to be clear about, and give reassurance on, the approach the Trust and Academies are collectively taking. The safety, health and wellbeing of all our school communities remain our absolute priority. Consequently, we will only allow additional students to return to school if and when it is safe to do so.

To that end we are adopting a **Safe, Steady & Sustainable** approach:

- **Safe** – we will complete a thorough risk assessment and implement a wide range of measures to make sure that it is safe to allow more pupils to be in school;
- **Steady** – we will gradually increase the number of places offered, continually reviewing our safety procedures to ensure we are keeping to an absolute minimum the risks to our pupils, parents and staff;
- **Sustainable** – we will make sure that any measures we put into place can be sustained over time and will enable us to continue to provide high quality provision as the number of pupils in school increases.

The earliest return date will be on Monday 8th June 2020, but only if deemed safe to do so. The first day will be a training day to ensure all staff are aware of the Health and Safety considerations and procedures within their own setting, prior to the return of additional children. The earliest date for the return of any additional children will therefore be 9th June 2020. This will of course be dependent on any changes in government advice as well as local circumstances.

Individual schools will be in contact with you to outline their individual plans for a phased return. We understand that many of you will have worries and concerns about returning your child to school. We share your concerns as many colleagues have children of their own and are facing similar dilemmas. Please do contact your school for further clarity and reassurance should you wish to. We will continue to update you of any changes as and when they arise.

As we navigate these very challenging times, please remain assured that we will continue to take a safe, steady and sustainable approach to ensuring we are as well prepared as we can possibly be.

Kind regards

Simon Sprague
Interim CEO



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