



Central Co-operative Learning Trust

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all you have done to support your children with home learning in recent weeks.

The schools in our Trust are beginning to make plans to welcome more children back into school in some year groups after half term.

The schools have continued to be open since March 20th for the children of key workers and more vulnerable pupils. Now the government has asked us to plan to take in more children initially from the following year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

There are a great many things for us to consider before we open our schools more widely but our main priority is the safety and well-being of your children and our staff. All our decisions will be based on this.

As a result, we may need to open in a phased way with only one or two year groups to begin with. And we will only re-open once the government tells us that the scientific evidence says it is safe to do so. Each school is carrying out risk assessments based on the school buildings, cleaning facilities, the size of the rooms and the communal spaces and the numbers of adults available to supervise the children. Each school will have a slightly different model of opening but all will have the safety, welfare and well-being of all as the underlying principle. Class sizes will be kept very small with the same member of staff as far as possible, social distancing will be observed in corridors and communal areas and rigorous hygiene procedures will be in place. Of course, the reduced numbers in each class will also mean that children will not be in school full time as we do not have enough staff or rooms to facilitate this. Your school will give you more details about which year groups, days and times when we know it is safe to do so.

I want to reassure you that all the actions we are taking as a group of schools in the Trust are based on careful and measured planning and decisions. The Local Governing Boards have also been involved in the process.

In order for us to prepare our buildings and staff for the possibility of wider opening after half term, all the **Trust schools be closed to all pupils for two training days on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June**. This will enable us to carry out a final deep clean in the schools and ensure our staff are trained and prepared for the new arrangements when it is safe to welcome the children back to school.

Your headteacher will keep you informed about your own school's arrangements to readmit pupils and any changes to normal routines.

Please stay safe, look after each other and keep positive.

Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Hunter
Chief Executive Central Co-operative Learning Trust.