

10 June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following a review of all academy and Trust risk assessments and action plans, along with the assurance from Greg Fell (Director of Public Health Sheffield) also attached, I am delighted to announce that Brigantia Learning Trust Trustees have approved that our academies will be opening more widely to pupils and students from Monday 15 June 2020.

Individual academies will be in contact with you to explain the specific arrangements for Year 12, Year 10, Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery pupils.

I recognise that this is only the start of the wider opening programme and, following the Secretary of State's statement yesterday, I sought approval from my Trustees today to investigate how we can start to plan for even wider engagement once these initial steps have been introduced and proved to be safe and successful.

Health and safety must remain our key priority, but with the shift in the government's position we are keen to look at increasing capacity as soon as it is possible to do so in a safe way and effective way. We know just how much important it is to get our young people back in to the academies to 'kick start' their learning in a more structured way. Similarly, we have developed our e-learning strategies so that a pilot exercise in the use of Microsoft Teams can be extended to more students in the secondary phase over the coming weeks.

Ours, like the local authority, is a cautious approach, but we will continue to take note of advice from Public Health, DfE guidance and Learn Sheffield, keeping under careful review the health and wellbeing of all our staff and children.

May I once again thank you for your support in these difficult and trying times and promise that we will continue to support you as parents as best as we can.

Yours faithfully,



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