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Mr Chris Huscroft  
Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we now enter the phase whereby lockdown and the restrictions we have had in place over the past few weeks are eased by the government, I wanted to write, once more, to share with you some thoughts that as a Trust leadership team we have had about those announcements which most directly apply to us.

'Summer schools' and 'catch up' has been the latest topic of discussion in the media. I can inform you that SET schools will not be open for education over the summer holidays. However, each school is exploring the need of families in their setting and will, if possible, try to arrange some form of 'activity' to help provide childcare over the summer break. This provision will most likely be for part of the holidays and will not be staffed by school staff. It may also be very different across the trust schools, dependent on need and capacity. As always, your school's head teacher will communicate further with you about this.

In the last few days, it has been also announced that all children will return to school in September, still in 'bubbles' of up to 30. We await guidance from the DfE on what this means for our schools and what, if any, changes we may have to make to our normal routines. At present we can only speculate what these changes might be, but felt it best to share these with you, so that we have prepared you as best we can.

If the measures which were announced just yesterday are still in place, social distancing will nevertheless need to be adhered to and whilst this means more children will be able to attend school, it may mean that not ALL children can attend at the same time. Therefore, it may well be possible that the schools will have to operate on a part time basis for a short period. Another consideration for schools may have to be around staffing and who is available to work – a number of our schools have staff who work part-time and if restrictions on 'bubbles' are still being implemented this will present a challenge for having 'enough' staff for a full week.

I would again like to reiterate that over the coming weeks, you will inevitably hear of other schools doing things a certain way and naturally draw comparisons to your own child's school. I ask you again, please don't do this... each of our schools are individual and unique, the approach they have to take is specific to the resources and facilities they have available to them.

Finally, I would like to provide reassurance again around your child's academic levels and education, whilst there has been an interruption to their learning, do remember that this is case for ALL children across the country. In September each of our schools will be establishing a 'baseline' of where your child and their class is in their learning, picking up where it is most appropriate to start – this may take a little longer to get them back to where they should be, but please don't worry, we will do our best to get them to (or as close as possible) to where they should be. Once again, your child's school will give you further information on how they plan to do this when they know more.

In the meantime, enjoy the new freedoms that will be available to you but please also remember, the virus is still around us, exercise caution in all that you do and stay safe.

Thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely  
Chris Huscroft  
CEO

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Huscroft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.