

21st August 2020

To: Parents and Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you remain safe and well. Thank you for your continued support and patience while we confidently took stock of the steady stream of amendments and updates to the initial guidance issued by Her Majesty's Government.

Today, Friday 21st August, at an extraordinary meeting of the Trust Board it was agreed that all five academies will open on Monday 7th September for all year groups.

To reach this decision the Trust Board acknowledged and followed the Government's guidance. They also considered evidence and advice from: additional government guidance; risk assessments; site visits by Governors, Trustees and H&S representatives from one of our sponsors, Sellafield Ltd; staff, student and family welfare; professional associations and trade unions; chairs of local governing boards; frequently asked questions; policy changes etc., the list is not exhaustive. So many colleagues have contributed to our ability to make a safety-first decision that we formally note our thanks to them all.

This letter also serves as a message to our year 6, 11 and 13 students. We want you to know that we are so very proud of you. We do not have the words to fill all the books that could be written about how wonderful you are and what you have achieved at this point.

Your child's academy will now write to you with their specific plans and arrangements. A copy of them will be placed on each academy website.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will write again to you on Friday 11th September with an update on how the first week has gone.

Yours sincerely



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