



21 May 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach half term, I wanted to update you on our planning so far for meeting the Government's ambition of expanding provision from 1 June at the earliest.

As I have written previously, the safety of pupils/students and staff is at the heart of our decision-making. Over the past week or so, school and Trust leaders have been working tirelessly on their planning and risk assessments. If they have not already done so, Headteachers will share information about these plans with you, and your feedback will be taken into consideration.

We understand that getting children and young people back into a routine in school with their friends is important, and we want to facilitate this as soon as it is safe to do so. Trustees have reviewed this planning, alongside guidance from the DfE we have to date. We know that there is still more guidance to be released and that the Government will determine whether their "tests" have been met around the 28 May. This will require further review of our plans and time to implement them and train/prepare staff.

**As a result, we do not feel that it is appropriate to expand our provision as early as 1 June.**

We have, therefore, taken the decision that:

**Keyworker and vulnerable children** (i.e. those who have been eligible to attend school throughout the lockdown period) will **access provision at their own school from 1 June**. Any eligible child who has not been attending up to now and wants to attend from 1 June, will be very welcome. If they have not done so already, Headteachers will contact you about your intentions to take up this offer after half term.

Please note that, at **Hamilton School**, families have already been consulted, and students whose parents have indicated their children will attend, will do so **from 2 June**.

With regard to **targeted year group provision (Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 6 in primary and Year 10/12 in secondary)**, pupils/students will not attend until, **at the earliest, 8 June**.

These things cannot be rushed and we intend to plan rigorously and implement our plans properly, for the safety and reassurance of everyone.

School Leaders, Local Advisory Boards and Trustees will continue to monitor the situation closely and I will write again when a final decision has been made.

In the meantime, if you have questions please contact your school or you can contact me.

Thank you again for all your support and encouragement, and your help at home with learning. I wish you a very happy and safe half term.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Davies