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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am getting in touch to update you on arrangements for re-opening schools, following the Prime Minister's address to the country on Sunday night and subsequent guidance published by the Government.

**For now, nothing has changed.** The children of key workers, as well as any children who are vulnerable, will continue to come into school as they have since the lockdown began. **To be clear, the definition of key workers has not changed.**

Should progress on containing the Coronavirus continue to be positive, then the Prime Minister has indicated that secondary schools may re-open before the end of the school year to children who are in Year 10.

As a trust, we are supporting our schools with a recovery plan aimed at getting children back into school safely, including social distancing measures and all other necessary safety procedures on site, in line with Government guidance and scientific advice.

Our recovery plan has four parts, as I briefly outline below,

- We are developing further and strengthening our distance learning offer – through CORE Connects – for all students. In addition, we continue to increase the range of extracurricular opportunities through our CORE Extra programme.
- We are preparing for face-to-face interaction with Year 10 students, using Government guidance and our experience of delivering an education to the children of key workers and children who are vulnerable.
- We are further strengthening our support for vulnerable children and their families by giving them a named person who will be in daily contact.
- We are preparing for a September 2020 return with a specific focus on safety, as well as helping our students catch-up on missed learning during the lockdown.

As soon as we have any further information about proposed re-opening dates, we will let you know. In the meantime, we will continue to be open for the children of key workers, as well as any children who are vulnerable.

For all pupils, we will continue to provide distance learning so that we minimise any disruption to their education during this time. We are extremely proud of the CORE Connects online teaching

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that is taking place across the Trust and are pleased to report positive engagement levels across all five CORE academies.

Communication regarding the CORE Connects programme can be found on individual school websites. Key information and promotion of work will be shared via individual school Twitter accounts as well as the CORE twitter feed, so we would recommend following these accounts if you don't already. Please do get in touch with Kevin Rogers our Head of CORE Connects with any queries, [kr@core-education.co.uk](mailto:kr@core-education.co.uk)

It continues to be a difficult time for many families, and we urge anyone struggling to make the most of the various support systems available. School websites are a fantastic starting place but please do not hesitate to get in touch directly with your headteacher and their teams if you need further assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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