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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, this week the government have announced that they wish for some groups of children to return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June. In relation to Special Schools, the government state:

***‘Special schools, special post-16 institutions and hospital schools will work towards a phased return of more children and young people without a focus on specific year groups.’***

At this time, we cannot offer a clear timeline on when students are likely to return to our schools. We will, however, ensure that our children and young people continue to access our personalised virtual home learning offer. The Trust is working tirelessly to ensure that any decisions made for the future are the safe and right decisions for our staff, children and young people. Ultimately, our overarching priority continues to be that:

***“We will maintain and secure the health and safety of every single child, young person and member of staff.”***

We have spent the past week working on a strategy that relates to our ‘New Schooling’ offer, how this might look and how this will impact our staff and students. We are hoping that by next Wednesday, we will be in a position to contact all of our families to consult upon this strategy and to get your collective views on how we move forward as a community. It has never been more important to work together to ensure that we get this right for our children.

We currently have a small number of young people attending schools that are children of key workers and these arrangements will continue. We are well aware that many other families are experiencing particular challenges. The last thing we want to do is place families under more pressure. We’ve got to keep you, our children and staff safe.

Take care,

Graham Quinn  
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