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To: Parents, Carers and Advocates (all Trust Schools and College)

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Dear Parents, Carers and Advocates,

COVID-19 – CHANGE TO POTENTIAL WIDER OPENING DATE NOW 15TH JUNE 2020 AT EARLIEST

We recognise that these are very stressful times for our families, with constantly changing guidance and social media reports. However, our priority has always been the safety of our learners, staff and our local communities. Decisions we make about wider openings are based on the latest expert guidance and are always made in the best interests of all our families and staff.

As you will know from previous communications, we have been planning to start to open our Trust schools and college to more learners from Monday 8th June, however this has always been subject to change and a specific date for re-opening had not been confirmed.

In the light of the most recent SAGE report and independent public health advice from Lancashire and Blackpool local authorities, further consideration has been given to our initial plans. It is also important to recognise that the Trust operates schools and a college in both Blackpool and Lancashire regions. Lancashire's independent public health team has informed us that it is not yet advisable to open more widely.

In addition to the above, we are very mindful of reports that over the weekend many visitors arrived in Blackpool town and this made it difficult for residents to maintain effective social distancing. A number of families have already expressed concerns in relation to this and maintaining the safety of everyone remains the Trust's priority.

The evidence suggests that, by delaying our wider opening date to 15th June (at the earliest), the risk to our school communities can be halved. In light of this, the **15th June is now our next target date for wider opening**. However, please note that this remains subject to further scientific advice and therefore there could be another change; we will continue to keep you updated in relation to this.

We very much appreciate your understanding and support going forward and if you have any questions, please contact your school or college.

Best wishes,

Angela Holdsworth
CEO The Sea View Trust

Dave Wallbank
Chair of Trustees (Interim)