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Good afternoon

On Sunday and Monday, you will have heard in the news much about schools reopening from the 1st June 2020. I imagine that this will have caused you some stress and raised a number of questions. I have to say I felt the same way, as I had no more of an idea of what was going to be announced than you did. Then late on Monday night, I received from the Department of Education more information regarding the opening of schools. In this pack of information was some guidance for parents and a copy of that is attached to this letter.

As it stands, the leadership team of the Federation now have to plan for the return of some of our young people from 1st June 2020. This will take some time as we will want to get it right for a number of reasons, but the two most important ones are firstly, to ensure that the plan we put in place works and secondly to ensure that it is safe for the young people and the staff.

I do not have a detailed plan yet, so I ask that you give me time to work a plan out before I share it with you. There are so many things that we are going to have to put in place and get right. Of course, whatever we plan may not happen if it is decided that the risk of bringing the pupils back is too great a risk and the 5 targets the government have set out have not been met.

What is clear, is that for some pupils there will not be a return to school at all this academic year and they will have to continue with their online learning. The government has decided this and our task now is establishing how we are going to support them. Other pupils will only return for short periods that will support their online learning and some pupils will be back in school full time.

We also have to think about how we will organise and deliver our transition for year 8 moving into year 9 and the support that our more vulnerable pupils need as well. I will write to year 8 parents separately about this.

So, I promise we will do our very best to support your children and you, to make sure that they are safe, whilst ensuring that the staff are supported and safe as well. This will not be easy, but I am sure that by working together we will overcome yet another obstacle that this virus has put in our way.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Barnes'.

John Barnes
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