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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday 10th May, the Department for Education published revised guidance on Monday 11th May outlining a 'route map' for the gradual and phased re-opening of schools for more groups of students. As you are more than aware, Sutton House Academy has remained open, working with small numbers of pupils throughout the pandemic as all of our learners are in the vulnerable category.

I know that everyone in our academy community – pupils, parents, teachers and governors – are eager to see us return to a full and normal pattern of academy provision as soon as possible. We are determined to make this happen but must remain mindful of the self-evident challenges that are particular to our environment.

We continue to develop and refine a model of provision in a way that maximises the effectiveness of our teaching, sustains pastoral care for the well-being of students, is achievable within existing staff resources and – most importantly - safeguards health and well-being of all involved.

Plans are in place to achieve this. As you can imagine, there are many aspects and details to consider. We will contact all parents before half-term with arrangements that will be introduced from 2nd June. Please note there will be a staff inset training day on 1st June. We envisage that there will be no immediate change to the provision of remote learning but want to stress that for Primary and Secondary, return to learning expectations, including staggered timetables to continue support of social distancing will be mobilised.

We are sure you share our determination to open again as fully as we can, whilst at the same time guarding the safety and well-being of our students and staff. In the meantime, thank you for your continuing help, support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely

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