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15th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Possible School Re-opening

I hope that your families are well and coping in these extremely difficult circumstances. I am writing to provide an update, further to the Government advice for school re-opening, and would ask that you read this information, alongside the attached letter from The Sea View Trust and our CEO Angela Holdsworth.

The Current Situation

Presently, there is no change to our care offer and we will continue to provide care for those children whose parents' work is crucial to the COVID-19 response, and those who cannot be safely cared for at home.

School will be completely closed on Monday 25th May as this is a Bank Holiday, however, we will remain open for the children of critical key workers only, for the remainder of the week. Please be aware that during this time, the home learning activities will not be updated and there is no expectation for the children to engage with the online activities, unless they wish to do so.

Government Guidance

Specific guidance for special schools emphasizes that schools must assess how many children and young people can be safely accommodated. The Government has also suggested that the gradual re-opening of school could commence from the 1st June 2020. However, schools' have yet to receive the full suite of information from the DfE, and also if transmission rates increase due to the relaxing of some of the lockdown measures, this date could change.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

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From next week, once we have received further guidance from the DfE and understand how many pupils it is safe to open for, we hope to be in a position to consult with yourselves.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. If you are feeling anxious or worried at this time, then don't lose sight of the fact that this is a perfectly normal human response for children and adults alike. Place 2 be have some fantastic resources which you may find useful. <https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus> . In the meantime, please look after yourselves, say hello to your children from Mrs Parrish and do not hesitate to get in contact with either your child's class teacher, our Parent Liaison Officer, Mrs Daly or any member of the Senior Team.

With best wishes,



Mrs L A Parrish
Headteacher

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14th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: POSSIBLE REOPENING OF TRUST SCHOOLS TO MORE PUPILS IN JUNE 2020

Firstly, we do hope that this message finds you safe and well and please be assured that we are thinking about you and your children during these challenging times. We appreciate the difficulties that you have had, and are still facing, in trying to juggle your own working lives, child care and the new demands placed on us all as a result of Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

As the Sea View Trust, our absolute priority will always be the safeguarding of our children and our staff. The health and safety guidance for schools is currently incomplete and understanding and implementing this advice, in full, will be essential before we can share any firm plans with you. We hope to have clarity from the Department for Education (DfE) very soon, meanwhile we continue to closely work with Blackpool and Lancashire Local Authorities.

In line with the DfE's guidance Sea View Trust schools are currently looking at building capacity and working with staff to identify how we might possibly be able to safely open to additional pupils, in the target age ranges, from the beginning of June. Some of our Trust schools (**Revoe Learning Academy/ Anchorholme Primary Academy and Devonshire Primary Academy**) have a two week half term and therefore any potential extension of the current opening arrangements would not be in place until the **week commencing 8/6/20** for these schools.

Parents will appreciate that government guidance is based on national modelling of an 'average' school with 'average' sized classroom and corridor spaces. Across the Trust we are calculating 'real' capacity based on the 'real' buildings in our school estate. We are also assessing staffing capacity because a number of our colleagues are unable to work, this is due to both the shielding directive and their own medical needs.

We want to be certain that, before we make a commitment to our families, we can ensure everyone's safety and deliver a supportive and robust school offer for as many families as possible.

Best wishes and take care,

Angela Holdsworth
CEO

Dave Wallbank
Chair of Trustees (Interim)

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