

Thursday, June 04, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide an update regarding partial school closure and reopening. Firstly, please note that updated free school meal collection information is available from the Unity website.

School Openings

School remains open each day for children of key workers and vulnerable students (i.e. those with a Social Worker). From **Tuesday 9th June** the academy will reopen to children in Y1 & Y6. A separate letter will be sent to parents outlining specific plans for this. If you are expecting your child to return and haven't received this letter my Monday 8th please contact school via the generalenquiries@unity.fcat.org.uk. A video walkthrough of the environment for children is also on the website. The academy will open to Y10 from **Monday 15th June** (this is a date change from my previous letter as the Government announced a delay). The Government will only allow 25% of Y10 to attend at any time and as such Y10 will return for one day per week. A letter providing specific details will be sent to Y10 parents next week. Please do not assume if your child is in Y10 that they will return full time from the 15th June. Year 10 students are likely to attend for one day (maximum two days) per week and some won't have their first day in school until the 18th June. Please read the letter carefully so you know when your child will return. The academy will not reopen to Reception on the 9th June and parents will be contacted regarding reopening to Reception children at a later date this term.

The letters will outline specific requirements and information about behaviour of children and arrival/departure to and from the academy. **Unity Academy will not tolerate any behaviour that puts the safety of others at risk, including deliberate breaches of social distancing.**

For children in year groups eligible to return (if you have not been contacted by phone to confirm whether your child is returning or if you have changed your mind), please help us to plan by filling in the form on the website setting out your intentions regarding returning to school.

Years 2-5 and Years 7-9

I am aware that some parents in these year groups are frustrated that they don't know when children will return to school and the impact this has on them planning any return to work. In conversation, some parents have suggested that the academy should provide more information on this. Put simply, we don't have any such information. The Government instructed the academy to close in March and has told us which year groups we can reopen to. As a consequence, the academy is not allowed to open to any other year groups until the Government tells us we can. When this instruction is received, we will implement safe plans to open as instructed as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your support at this time, if you have any queries which are not covered by this letter, please email us on generalenquiries@unity.fcat.org.uk and we will respond.

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Yours sincerely,

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