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Dear Parent/Carer

I want to update you on what we are doing as a Trust with responsibility for your child's school as the Covid-19 situation continues.

Every school in our Trust is unique and we are very proud of this. It is what makes us such a strong organisation and it is what ensures that we have a range of expertise to call on to ensure that every pupil is getting the best opportunity to learn and develop. The Headteacher of your child's school will be in touch with you in the coming days to explain the next stage of opening and how it will affect what they offer to your child. To be clear as a group of special schools we do not need to follow the guidance currently out from the government for the opening of Primary Schools instead we have been tasked with making decisions with you and other agencies about what is best and safest for your child and the access they have to school. The teams in our schools have worked tirelessly from the start to ensure that they do this thoughtfully and always in the best interests of your child.

We have worked with our schools to ensure that there are risk assessments in place which will try to minimise the risk of the Covid-19 virus being spread as our schools begin to widen their offer. These are detailed and follow Government advice on all aspects of schools re-opening. We have a range of measures in place which your child's school will explain to you but which include "social bubbles" as far as possible, rigorous cleaning regimes, social distancing arrangements and as much out-door learning as possible. All these things will reduce the risk of the virus spreading in school but we cannot pretend that there is not a risk. Our children are lively and curious young people who will sometimes forget to socially distance, their generosity may mean that sometimes they forget and share something with another child. We will do all we can to be vigilant but it may still happen.

You can help stop the risk of the virus being spread by making sure that your child knows about and is in the habit of frequent handwashing and by providing them with tissues in case they sneeze during the day. You can also help by not sending them to school if they or any member of your household has any Corona Virus symptoms. Please do not take any risks for the sake of everyone who plays a part in the life of your child and their school.

We are very sad that we have not been able to see all our wonderful pupils since the start of this crisis. Your children are who we work for and we miss them. We need them back, but only in a way that makes it as safe as we can make it by trying to lower the risk of spreading the virus.



All of our current work around home learning and contact with you will continue while we change things slowly in the next few weeks. Your partnership with us is vital and the way you have supported your children and us has been great, many of you home – schooling while working from home yourselves. What a challenge! Thank you for everything you have done.

Best wishes

Ruth Sturdy
CEO, SEAX Trust