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Letter from the CEO: Updating Information

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on the current work we are doing in our academies and also on the planned wider opening from September 2020. It has been very pleasing to see the pupils return to our academies. They have adapted to the social distancing procedures really well and enjoyed getting back to school to see both their teachers and their friends. All the routines that have been implemented are working well with some slight adaptations to ensure there are smooth transitions during transition periods. We appreciate all the support of parents, in implementing these at the start and end of the day, making sure that pupils arrive and are collected on time.

This week, our reception pupils have joined the academies and they are also adapting well to the new procedures. Each academy will be contacting parents of nursery pupils, with an outline of the plans for our nursery pupils to return. This is due to the part-time timetables and the plans for induction from September 2020.

Wider opening to all pupils from September 2020

Within Exceed, we are planning to open to all year groups from September 2020. This opening will consist of class size bubbles as outlined by the Education Secretary in speeches over the weekend. We have also received no further correspondence from the Director of Public Health, which means that infection rates within Doncaster at the present time, are safe enough for us to progress to bringing back all our pupils. There will however be specific arrangements that we have to put in place in order to maintain the class bubbles and ensure that access and exit from the academy sites are safe for everyone. This will involve:

- Staggered start and finish times
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes
- Pupils using their own equipment within class
- Pupils remaining in class bubbles throughout the day

We are already operating these arrangements but will do so, from September with larger numbers within the bubble. These plans have been drawn up and as soon as we receive the official guidance from the Department of Education this week, then we will write to you with a specific outline of these. It has been pleasing that our plans so far, have resulted in no outbreaks within our academies for staff or pupils.

Year 6 leavers Arrangements

Within all our academies we are currently organising some events to commemorate our Year 6 pupils who have, through these unprecedented times, missed out of a range of events that normally take place to mark the end of their primary years. Whilst these have had to be totally adapted, each academy is working on these plans so that we can express our thanks to our pupils and to celebrate their time within our academies. Each academy will write to you with these arrangements.

Key worker provision over the six-weeks holidays

As outlined in the Government guidance, we will not be providing key worker provision over the six-weeks holidays. We will be providing a range of holiday provision in some academies and I am also working with the Local Authority, on a Summer Programme for all pupils within Doncaster that parents can access. These will range from online events and community face to face days encompassing sports, the arts and academic session.

Free School Meal Vouchers

The Government has agreed to provide Free School Meal vouchers over the six-week holiday period up to the 31st August 2020. This will be provided through the edenred system. Each voucher will be valid from a specified date, in line with the current weekly vouchers. After the 31st August 2020 the voucher scheme will come to an end.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks for your continued support over the past months in helping us to achieve our wider opening plans. You should be immensely proud of the home learning that has been completed and I want to thank you for the kindness that you have displayed towards my colleagues in all our academies. It has felt that we have developed a real sense of community and I know that all my colleagues have been really appreciative of this support and feedback.

I will update with further plans after the Department for Education announcement later this week,

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Directors



"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."