

12th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

POSSIBLE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS TO MORE PUPILS IN JUNE

You will have now seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1st June to certain year groups **if** the Government thinks it is safe to do so.

From week commencing 1st June 2020 at the earliest, we plan to re-open our primary schools to welcome back pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and our secondary schools to offer some face-to-face support for children and young people in Year 10 and Year 12 to supplement their remote education.

Further guidance and clarification has now been received from the Government which will help us to create an action plan for our phased re-opening. We will share this with you as soon as possible so you know what the schools' reopening will look like in practice.

The guidance also indicates that the Government hopes that all primary children will return to school before the summer holidays. **This is very much dependent on progress in containing the Coronavirus and the Government being clear that certain conditions have been met.**

Most importantly though, for now, nothing has changed. The children of key workers, as well as any children who are vulnerable, will continue to come into school as they have since the lockdown began.

To be clear, the definition of key workers has not changed. For all other children, we will continue to provide home learning via Google Classroom to minimise any disruption to their learning.

It is a very unsettling time for us all, but please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to receive these year groups if it is safe for our schools to reopen in June. The safety of your children and our staff remain our number one priority and will be the key driver in any decisions we take, and we will keep you updated with all of our preparations to make sure that our schools are as safe as possible for students and for staff.

In the meantime, Folkestone All-Age Academy is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we are not in a position right now to extend places to other children until the government advises us that it is safe to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for your support and understanding during this confusing and ever-changing situation. Again, I would like to reassure you that your child's safety and wellbeing is our utmost priority and that any decisions we make will be in line with Government's guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Principal of your child's school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seamus Murphy', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Seamus Murphy,
Turner Trust Principal and Chief Executive Officer.