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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your patience and ongoing support for your school while we navigate through what is surely the strangest of times for your child's education.

I wanted to update you on our plans to start bringing your children back into school, safely. The LAAT Board of Directors met again last night to review the current situation and discuss the next steps we will take towards opening your school more widely.

Directors again deliberated on individual school Risk Assessments, the views of Headteachers and school staff, the science, and local and national guidance. Yet again, their paramount concern was the safety and welfare of pupils, staff and communities. They acknowledged that meeting the educational and emotional needs of pupils, as well as their physical safety was a very difficult balancing act that was being played out nationally. They released the following statement:

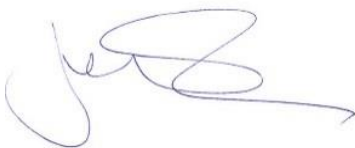
*Taking into account the evidence, both local and national, and with great appreciation for the hard work and patience of school communities, Directors now ask LAAT schools to open more widely in line with government guidance (Year 6, Year 1 and EYFS), from 15<sup>th</sup> June. Directors acknowledge the importance of local context; therefore each school will determine its own offer with the Central Team. Directors will keep this decision under regular, frequent review.*

Your school will let you know on what date (after the 15<sup>th</sup> June) they will open more widely, and which year groups they will be taking in. This decision will be based on the continuing, thorough risk assessment which will take into account barriers and restrictions such as the physical building, social distancing and safe staffing levels.

Please be assured that teachers and support staff will continue working tirelessly to support your child's education, whether this is in school, or from home.

Take care and God bless,

Jackie



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