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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that, at this present time, there is so much contradictory advice and information out there. What we all want is clarity and certainty and that is really difficult.

Government announcements about schools opening for some year groups have left us all trying to work out what is for the best. The central LAAT team, our Directors, your headteachers and governors are all working together to make decisions on how and when your school can open.

The most important factor in this decision is whether we can keep your children and school staff safe.

The opening of each individual school in LAAT will be made after the following is known:

- A satisfactory and comprehensive risk assessment\* shows that we are taking all reasonable steps to ensure that your children and school staff are safe
- There are sufficient staff able to return to school (some will have to continue shielding)
- The views of parents
- The advice of the Department for Education, the National Governance Association and Public Health England

Your school will continue to stay in touch with you about any possible return and what that will look like in your particular school.

May I thank you again for your support for your school and its staff.

God bless,

**Jackie** 

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<sup>\*</sup>For a copy of the risk assessment template please contact the trust at enquiries@laat.co.uk