

11 May 2020



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure like me, many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation yesterday evening.

You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the Government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1 June, starting with pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The return of any students to secondary school is unlikely to occur until later and may begin with students in Year 10 and Year 12.

In the coming days, we expect the Government to provide more details on this announcement to address the concerns that we will all have around the safety of children and staff, the application of social distancing rules and issues around transportation, amongst many other things.

As Headteacher, I speak on behalf of all the staff when I tell you that we are desperate to re-open our school and are acutely aware of the impact that school closure is having on the education and development of our children. However, our prime concern will always be the safety of the children and it is our priority to ensure that, when we do re-open, we can put in place the appropriate measures. This has already begun with lots of outline planning having taken place already and continues today when I will discuss the implications of yesterday's announcement with other leaders in our Academy Trust as well as learning more about the Government's plans for schools. I will keep you fully informed at each step and, as ever, welcome your questions, the answers to which, where appropriate, I will publish to all parents in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) letter in due course.

In the meantime, nothing has changed. We remain open for the children of key workers only and, if you feel that your child may be eligible for a place in school under these guidelines, please contact us. We are available to you by email if you have any concerns at all.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wilson'.

Scott Wilson
Headteacher

Explorer • Scholar • Leader • Collaborator

