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Dear Parent,

I'm writing to update you on our planning for wider opening to eligible groups. We have been working closely with the local authority, which has asked us to share the following information with you:

'Council officers and Public Health colleagues have been meeting with school representatives and trades unions weekly for some time now with a focus on making safe and sensible decisions.'

Council Officers and School Leaders are agreed that the wider opening of primary schools and academies will not happen before 8th June, following the two week half-term holiday. Secondary schools, in line with Government guidance, will not begin their wider opening before 15th June.

Wider opening arrangements, times and measures put in place will be unique to each school so that they best suit the local circumstances and ensure a safe return for pupils.'

Council officers continue to work with us as we finalise our plans and agree these with the governing body, who will make the final decision. Each school has been asked to communicate its decisions directly to parents and carers and both the council and schools will support families with any questions or concerns around their child's safe return to school.

The Council has provided detailed information to support national guidance and is helping us to further develop our understanding around cleaning and hygiene, social distancing and reducing contact, and other practical steps to reduce risks, so that we can implement protective measures to keep pupils, staff and the wider community as safe as possible. We have also received detailed information from Tameside Council's Director of Population Health, Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy.

During this time, as we work to ensure our risk assessments are robust, it may not be possible for every child to return to school as soon as you would wish. We will keep you informed of our progress.

For further information on the local response to coronavirus, local service changes and public health advice please visit www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus

Yours sincerely



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