

20 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you on behalf of all schools within The De Curci Trust.

We are sure that many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's Statement on 10 May during which he said that as part of careful steps to modify some lockdown restrictions, it may be possible to begin the phased reintroduction of some primary aged pupils by 1st June 2020. He went on to set out an ambition for secondary pupils facing exams next year to get some time with their teachers before the summer holidays.

You may also have seen the joint statement that has been agreed by Cllr Suzy Horton, Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families at Portsmouth City Council, and the chairs of the primary and secondary head teachers in Portsmouth; this statement confirms that it is not definite that more children can go to school on 01 June:

<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/news/more-children-possibly-going-to-school-next-month>

We miss our pupils and are keen for more of them to return to on-site education as soon as the conditions are right. All of the schools within our trust are actively engaging with reviewing guidance, making logistical plans and assessing what is needed with staff and professional associations. As you would expect, our first priority must be to ensure the ongoing safety, welfare and wellbeing of our pupils, their parents/carers and our staff; and our Trustees are clear that a cautious, pragmatic and phased approach, based on appropriate guidance and the availability of resources, is required.

With those factors in mind, and with the next review of lockdown measures by the Government not anticipated to be before 28 May (during half-term), kindly note that we do not anticipate that our schools will be in a position to expand their current onsite provision for pupils during the week beginning 01 June.

Your child's school will update you with further information as soon as it is available. Please do not send your child to school until your school has confirmed what arrangements are being put into place.

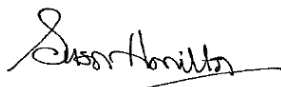
Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we work through these complex and changing circumstances.

Take care and kind regards

Yours sincerely



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