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A message to all families at St. Bart's Schools

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Opening of school to more pupils from 1 June

I am sure you will all be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday that schools have been asked to start to prepare a phased return of some children from the week commencing 1 June. This plan is subject to the government being satisfied that the 5 key tests it has set justify the changes at this time.

From the week commencing 1 June, we have been asked to plan to welcome back children in our nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 classes only. The government hopes that all primary school children can come back to school before the summer holidays, but, emphasises that this will be kept under review.

The government published some further guidance for schools late on Monday evening which senior leaders are currently working through in order to create an action plan for a phased reopening. These plans will take into account the safety of pupils and staff, class sizes and staff availability, protective measures, cleaning, attendance, managing drop off and collection, curriculum, school meals and other related matters.

Information will be shared by St Bart's Multi-Academy Trust next week which will be followed by specific academy plans for what reopening will look like in practice, however, I would reassure you that all actions will be strictly in line with the guidance published by the government.

Meanwhile, additional information for parents and carers has been provided which I encourage you to read.

It details responses to some questions I am sure you will be considering.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

For now, our academies remain open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. There has been no change in the government guidance in this respect. As more of you are being encouraged to return to work, I am conscious that children of critical workers who have previously been safely cared for at home, may now need to access this provision. If your circumstances have changed and support is needed, then please contact the academies via email. We are not in a position to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.



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Thank you for your continued support.

If you wish to keep in touch with ongoing thoughts and developments at St. Bart's please look at our Twitter handle: [@StBartsTrust](https://twitter.com/StBartsTrust)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Brislen', with a horizontal line underneath.

Yours faithfully

Chris Brislen
Chief Executive Officer