

Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of the Trust board we would like to thank you for your unwavering support as we reach the third month of lost attendance for the majority of our students. It is clear that the coronavirus lockdown and pandemic has had, and is continuing to have, a differential impact on our children, staff and families and that it is felt differently in each school.

We would now like to update you on the steps that have been taken as we move towards reopening.

Principles for Phased Re-Opening

The responsibility and accountability for the wider opening of any of our school sites rests with the Trust board and accounting officer. The Board will be advised and informed by the executive and will critically review recommendations and make the decision about opening in any school.

The key factor in this decision is the safety and welfare of the staff and learners in each school.

As a Trust we have taken the local authority risk assessment and incorporated additional guidance. Risk Assessments are continually reviewed and updated.

Process for Phased Re-Opening

1. School risk assessments are completed by the Headteacher and senior leadership team.
2. The Trust Executive Team review each risk assessment.
3. The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer and Director of Primaries make recommendations to the Trust board for opening.
4. On Wednesday the Trust board consider plans for reopening on the following Monday in each school.
5. The Headteacher is informed of the outcome.
6. On Thursday morning parents and staff are informed of the reopening plans.

Decision on opening schools w/c 15th June

Sheffield City Council, with advice from Public Health Sheffield, have confirmed that they are now satisfied that schools can now begin to open to more pupils from Monday 15th June. The letter we have received is attached.

On Wednesday 10th June, the Core Executive Team made the following recommendations to the Trust Board, and the subsequent decisions were taken:

	Decision
Hallam Primary School	Open for reception in smaller group sizes
Hillsborough Primary School	Open for reception and nursery in smaller group sizes
Meynell Primary School	Open for reception and nursery in smaller group sizes
Southey Green Primary School	Open for reception and nursery in smaller group sizes
Wisewood Primary School	Open for reception in smaller group sizes
Bradfield Secondary School	Open for arranged consultation meetings Y10 & Y12
Chaucer Secondary School	Open for arranged consultation meetings Y10 & Y12
Forge Valley Secondary School	Open for arranged consultation meetings Y10 & Y12
Tapton Secondary School	Open for arranged consultation meetings Y10 & Y12

Schools will be in touch with parents and students to provide further details on the detailed arrangements for the week.

With your support the Trust is doing all that it can to ensure that we can begin wider reopening safely. We will do so cautiously and in the phased way set out previously. Next week will review and update risk assessments, and consider the introduction of Year 1 learners in our primary schools.

No responsibility sits more heavily with the Trust and school leaders than the safety and welfare of our whole community. Thank you again for your continued support.

Regards,

Caroline Bagley
Chair of Trust

David Dennis
CEO

