



AN UPDATE FOR TRINITY FAMILIES

I am writing to share with you our thoughts about a reopening plan for Trinity School in light of the Government's announcement on Monday 11 May 2020 which said that we may be able to welcome more children to school from the week commencing Monday 1 June 2020.

Trinity is committed to supporting our children, young people and their families through this time of crisis.

As a Special School our situation is complex, but like all schools we have to risk assess our very unique situation to ensure any reopening is as safe as possible for everyone involved.

I am sharing with you just a few insights into the situation so that you are well informed.

Trinity began a gradual and safe reopening on 23 March 2020. This has enabled us to bring a small number of children and young people back to school where their families may be Key Workers or they may have other particular needs.

For each of your children or young people we hold a personalised risk assessment which is updated regularly. For our school this is a complex task as there are 297 children and young people. Only 22 students are on site through the week at the moment; but this represents more than 9% of the school population who could attend right now and 7.5% of the total population. Sadly so many of our children need to remain shielded at home due to their complex medical needs. Nationally only 2% of children and young people are attending school currently.

Meanwhile we continue to ensure that we have made contact with all our families every week and this is with a focus on your welfare and any resources you may need. The feedback we have from you is that this is a positive strategy and is helping to keep you safe. The challenge for Trinity is to balance the needs of our families with the available staff, and sadly even our staff are affected by the pressures that the pandemic brings.

I wanted to reassure you that we are thinking carefully through the social distancing issues we would have if we opened on Monday 1 June 2020. A significant amount of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that when we are ready, we can prioritise safety for everyone.

I will keep you updated in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about how this relates to your child, please discuss with us when we call next week.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Stay safe and stay hopeful everyone.

Warmest wishes.

Sue Ball
Headteacher