



# Windsor Academy Trust

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Dear Parents

Since the initial announcement by the Prime Minister that it was the intention of the government to encourage some groups of children to return to school from June 1<sup>st</sup> there has been daily discussion and debate in the media about the practicality of this. Last night the Board of Directors of Windsor Academy Trust met to consider the request from the government alongside the evidence from your Headteachers and the Executive team of Windsor Academy Trust and I wanted to update you before half term begins.

Firstly, although our schools will be closed for bank holiday Monday they will remain open for the rest of the week as normal for the children of key workers and others that have been identified. This will continue throughout the remainder of the school year alongside our provision of remote learning.

The Directors have made the decision that there will be no wider reopening for additional children admitted to our schools during the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June. The government have said that they will make a further announcement of May 28<sup>th</sup> and the Board will reconvene on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to discuss how we move forward in light of this announcement and to assess the situation more broadly.

For our primary children should we decide that they can safely return then our initial focus would be on year 6 and on year 1. For secondary students we are all still awaiting any guidance from the government to support their stated intent of focussing on years 10 and 12. We will focus on those year groups once the situation is made clearer with the guidance and this will be discussed with Directors at the Board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Our staff continue to support with pastoral care and personal contact home to offer support for learning and wellbeing. Staff also continue to assist year 6 in their transition, year 11 moving to sixth form/apprenticeships and year 13 moving on to university or a career.

In all our discussions the safety of everyone is the most important factor and we need to ensure that we do the right thing for our children, families and our staff. Schools have established excellent routines over the last two months and there has been extensive work undertaken by our staff on preparing for a safe wider return should that decision be taken in the future.

I look forward to writing to you again with an update after the Board meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

My thanks again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Sorrell', written in a cursive style.

Keith Sorrell  
Chief Executive Officer