

Friday, 10th July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As this will be my last letter before leaving Alumnis at the end of the academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and carers for the support shown in all of our schools during this last challenging term and a half.

I realise it has been a difficult time for many parents, who like me and so many others, have been working from home and juggling the demands of work and home learning. I also appreciate the challenge this has brought to many of our children who have not been able to see their friends and connect with staff in school in the usual way. A huge well done to all of you for the resilience you have shown and for engaging so well in distance learning during this time.

I would like to wish all of our Year 6 leavers every success and a very bright future as they move onto their new schools in September; rekindling old friendships as well as making new ones. I hope that they thoroughly enjoy every minute of their time at secondary school and that they take advantage of all of the new and exciting activities and opportunities that will be open to them.

As our schools look forward to welcoming all children back in September, I would like to reassure parents and carers that our Trust Leadership Group of Headteachers and Central Team Staff have been meeting regularly to put plans in place to adhere to the new government guidelines. Measures that will be taken include the creation of larger 'bubble' groups, staggered start and finish times and changes of routine for lunch and break times, to name a few.

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Each school is currently writing new risk assessments to ensure that all factors have been carefully considered in line with both Local Authority and governmental guidance. Your child's Headteacher will be in touch before the end of term to share their plans for a full reopening.

Headteachers across the Trust will also be considering teaching and learning strategies to ensure that all children are enabled to 'catch up' as well as putting together plans to best support the well-being of all learners. All school staff are fully committed to helping your child reintegrate back into school as quickly and seamlessly as possible.

Please be aware that the Government has stated that schooling is compulsory for all children from the start of term in September and normal procedures and expectations for attendance will apply. We do however acknowledge there may be a small number of children that are under the care of health professionals and have been advised to remain at home. Where this is the case, please continue to liaise with your child's school and keep them updated with your child's progress in this respect.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the talent, skill, commitment and dedication of the staff team at Alumnis and thank them for all they have done to maintain learning for the children and keep in touch with families across the Trust throughout the lockdown. I consider myself very privileged to have led and worked with such a caring and committed team during my time as CEO of Alumnis.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and relaxing summer break and I look forward to keeping in touch with the Trust and hearing of the continuing good progress of all Alumnis schools in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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

Zoe Batten
Chief Executive Officer