

20 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you ahead of the partial opening of our schools in June. I say 'opening', but as you will probably be aware, our schools have never closed. They have been supporting vulnerable children and the children of critical workers throughout the 'lockdown.' They have also been providing distance learning and pastoral support for all other children across our Trust.

During this time, our school leaders and those assisting them, have had to respond and rapidly adapt the way they work. In so doing, they have ensured that education continues for our communities. They have been exceptional and I am hugely grateful for their commitment, professionalism and hard work.

As we enter the next stage, I am sure you will have questions and concerns. Our Headteachers have put thoughtful and well considered plans in place. These plans put the safety of our children, staff and wider communities absolutely front and centre. As a Trust, we have worked across our schools to ensure we share best practice. As part of our plans, we have adopted a comprehensive and robust risk assessment.

Some examples of the ways we are making further opening as safe as is possible, across Clarion Academy Trust include:

- Reviewing and improving our premises cleaning programmes
- Putting in place plans for assisting with social distancing
- Sourcing and purchasing sufficient hand sanitiser and soap
- Purchasing portable wash basins to increase our capacity for regular hand washing

I would urge you to thoroughly read, any correspondence coming from our schools. It is vital that our children and families follow all requests and instructions carefully. The safety of our children, staff and families can only be assured if all parties work together. If so, I have complete confidence that our schools will be as safe, welcoming and successful as possible.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have shown towards our schools.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Adams", written in a cursive style.

Mr J Adams
CEO – Clarion Academy Trust