



29 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter dated 12 May 2020, I write regarding our current intentions with respect to our proposed arrangements for the next half term.

The Board of Trustees of GLF Schools met today in order to consider the latest information following the review of lockdown led by the Prime Minister yesterday evening.

In my last letter, I wrote:

"...please be assured that whatever happens every decision will take into account our absolute priority, which is the health and safety of our children, our students and our staff. We will not be rushing to make decisions that we later regret, so please bear with us while we take stock of the information as it emerges."

Sir Patrick Vallance, the chief scientific adviser, stated yesterday evening that the R rate is between 0.7 and 0.9, "close to 1" in different areas and that there are around 8000 confirmed cases each day. He commented that "this set of figures urges caution" and that the UK is "at a fragile state." This means that the easing of lockdown needs to be achieved gradually and we, therefore, are going to bring more children into our schools gradually too.

Primary, Infant and Junior Schools

The Trustees, with the support of GLF's Leadership Team, have deemed that primary schools will reopen to one year group (from the Government's list of Years 6, 1, R and Nursery (where applicable) on Wednesday 10 June, with the option to extend to other year groups from Monday 15 June.

By deciding to open in the second week of the new half term, we believe that we can better provide assurance to our families and staff that we have taken all possible steps to prioritise their safety.

Our schools in the primary sector are opening to one year group so that each school can carefully and safely put into practice its new measures. These may include practical aspects,

such as staggering arrival, the use of toilets and the use of the lunch hall as well as pick up by parents and carers at the end of the day. Starting with smaller numbers reduces risk as much as possible.

Each school will confirm which year group will be returning on 10 June and which, if any, year groups will return from 15 June, at the earliest.

Secondary Schools

Subject to any further changes in guidance, from Monday 15 June, our secondary schools with Year 10 students, as well as those with Year 12 students too, will re-open to these year groups only. GLF Schools will be following the guidance issued by the Department for Education four days ago to ensure our Year 10 and 12 students have some form of "limited face-to-face support".

Each of our schools will be in contact with you in due course to inform you of their planning for 15 June and beyond.

All schools

GLF Schools is clear that our schools will only reopen to the year groups identified by the Government as being safe to return in June. At this stage of the release of lockdown it is only students and children in years 12, 10, 6, 1, R and N who *may* be in school.

Please be advised that the childcare provision for vulnerable children and the children of key and critical workers will continue to operate in most schools from 1 June as usual.

Please be aware that it is your decision as parents and carers as to whether or not you decide the time is right for your child(ren) to be in school. For the next half term, the Government has stated that there will not be any penalties for parents and carers should they decide to keep their children at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we adjust. Please do not hesitate to contact your school in the usual manner for any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Chaloner'.

Jon Chaloner
CEO, GLF Schools