

18 June 2020



To all parents/carers
at all Ebor Academy Trust schools

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been several weeks since the government asked for schools to open more widely to children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 and then made a subsequent announcement that schools can choose to reopen to more pupils before the summer break only if they are able to.

We thought it appropriate to give you an update as to the situation at present.

Over the last few weeks we have seen a significant increase in the number of children attending our schools who fall within the priority category of 'vulnerable' or are children of key workers. At the same time, social distancing measures and the introduction of 'bubbles', all within a limited space, has severely restricted the number of children we would like to see back at school.

This does mean that for the rest of this term, many of our schools will not be able to offer wider opening to other children. This is, however, entirely school specific and each setting is different. Your school will be in touch with you directly with its own information.

Our schools will, of course, continue to provide daily support with home learning and weekly phone calls to those children and parents requiring additional assistance.

As always, we continue to follow the guidance issued by the Department for Education in consultation with headteacher colleagues across Ebor Academy Trust. We know this is a difficult time for everyone and we thank you for your continued support.

We await government guidance as to what the expectations will be for the start of the new term in September. At this stage, however, we do not expect schools to be open during the summer holidays.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gail Brown
Chief Executive and Executive Headteacher