

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure that you are aware that the British government wants every child back in school in early September. Likewise, so do all of us at Thomas Deacon Education Trust.

However, we also want our parents, carers and families to know that we intend to do everything in our power to keep children and staff (and consequently our communities) safe from the virus.

This means big changes to the way we have organised our academies previously. 'Bubbles' may need to arrive and depart from school at different times as children from all year groups cannot come to school or leave school at the same time. It may mean that we have a staggered start to the year. This is due to the virus and not because we do not want to have all the children back.

The government safety measures will affect our school day working patterns and as soon as possible, each Principal/Headteacher will let you know what those arrangements might look like for your child.

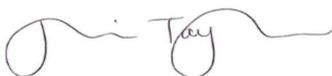
The guidance was only issued yesterday and there is a lot for us to work through. We ask that you are patient whilst we undertake all the risk assessments and find the best ways to ensure that your children can return to school in September in an environment that feels happy and safe.

We will only open our TDET academies when we deem it safe to do so and when we are confident that all our health and safety measures are in place for our staff and your children. The safety and good health of all in our TDET family remains our major priority.

You will hear from the Principal/Headteacher of your child's school about the arrangements for September as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Julie Taylor  
Chief Executive