



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday, the government intends that all schools re open from 01 June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We would like to clarify the Academy's position amidst a great deal of speculation.

We have been, for some time, making detailed plans about re opening the school and have been following all advice and guidance very carefully. All our planning places the safety of students and staff as the main priority for re-opening. In our planning, we are considering safe class sizes, social distancing and hygiene measures as well as the potential for alternative timings of the school day. We are also considering whether we will employ a staggered return with different groups of students returning on different days. We are a larger than average school with both primary and secondary phases on one site and, while we are blessed with more space than other schools, there are many factors to consider.

This announcement is still very recent and we know that some schools have issued plans and surveyed parents/carers. However, we know that there may be further advice and guidance from Public Health England and The Department for Education to emerge over the next few days and weeks and we want to ensure we have considered all of this.

We will communicate further next week in order to give parents/carers and staff time to adequately prepare.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely

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