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Dear Parents and Carers

Last night, the government set out the next steps in England's COVID-19 response to ending the lockdown.

I am writing to you to outline the key points from this plan and what it means for schools and education.

Ever since Neale-Wade Academy closed on Wednesday 18 March, we have been working on a plan to ensure that when we start to re-open it will be within a safe environment for students and staff.

The government's plan set out an ambition to allow secondary school students with exams next year 'at least some time with their teachers before the holidays'. Detailed guidance on how this would work will be set out by the government in due course.

The government has suggested a phased return for primary schools, beginning with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Monday 1 June.

Any return will be based on the latest scientific and medical advice and the government can change this plan.

I look forward to seeing our students return to school as soon as they are able to, and we are working hard to ensure everything is ready and safe in the way which we feel is best for our school and community.

Therefore, pupils will stay at home for classes for the time being, unless their parents are classified as 'key workers'.

Once more, I'd like to thank you all for the positive way in which you have approached home schooling since we closed our doors. I recognise this has been hard for many people, and you have had to juggle personal and work commitments to adapt to this period. Thank you for everything you are doing.

Further details on the government's plan to re-open schools will be revealed this week and I will continue to keep you all updated. The Academy's website and social media channels will be updated with key information relating to the plan to re-open schools.

I appreciate that this is a difficult time for everybody. The staff and I at Neale-Wade Academy appreciate your continued support for the school.

Please get in touch with the Academy on 01354 606000 if you need to discuss anything.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wing', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Mr J Wing
Executive Principal