

The Active Learning Trust

Suffolk Region

Albert Pye Primary School
Chantry Academy
Grove Primary School
Gusford Primary School
Hillside Primary School
Pakefield Primary School
Ravensmere Infant School
Red Oak Primary School
Reydon Primary School
Side Gate Primary School
Westwood Primary School

Cambridgeshire Region

Burrowmoor Primary School
Cromwell Community College
Chesterton Primary School
Earith Primary School
Highfield Ely Academy
Highfield Littleport Academy
Isle of Ely Primary School
Kingsfield Primary School
Littleport and East Cambridgeshire Academy
Neale Wade Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that last week, the Government announced the possibility of a phased return of some primary aged children to schools in England from the 1st June. Whilst guidance has been provided by the Government, Trusts and their schools are ultimately responsible for determining how this will take place, what arrangements need to be in place to protect your children and our staff and what is right for their communities.

Active Leaders

Although we are one family each of our schools have their own unique histories and identities and we ensure, as a Trust, that we preserve these characteristics. This also means that each school has its own unique buildings, facilities and ways of working with which you will all be familiar. We have complete trust in the professionalism and experience of the Headteachers and their teams in each of our schools to determine how best to meet the needs of your children as we expand the numbers beyond the current provision for vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers. Our Headteachers will be writing to you separately to set out the details of provision they are able to offer, the procedures in place to ensure that children and staff remain safe and how this will be organised so that you are able to make an informed choice. **Whilst the implementation of the phased return may be different in each of our schools, you can be assured that the safety of your children and our staff is our top priority.** Full and detailed risk assessments will be undertaken before any decision to open is taken and all plans will be scrutinised by the Trust Executive Team and approved by the Board of trustees to ensure they are robust.

Active Learners

Over the past few weeks our schools have been providing a wide range of learning opportunities for all our children whilst they are at home with you. A return to school for some of our children will be a big step and **we respect that parents and carers are best placed to determine whether their children come to school, if eligible, or continue to learn at home.** We appreciate that each child's family circumstances are different. For example, coming to school for some children may risk the health of another family member. Whilst being in school for certain year groups at given times, children will be encouraged to attend, not compelled as you know your children and personal situation best. All our teaching and support staff are committed to supporting the learning of all children.

Active Citizens

As you will be aware the main purpose of expanding provisions, within Government guidelines, is to further support the communities we serve and of which we are a part. We do not underestimate the challenges our families face at this time of uncertainty. We recognise that for many parents and carers, the expansion of this provision will allow them to return to work and to some sense of normality. Our headteachers and the Trust will take all the steps they can to help, advise and support those families that need it most in the implementation of their plans for the return of some of our pupils so that they, and our staff, can remain safe whilst in our care.

As mentioned, **our headteachers will be writing to you separately to set out how plans are being developed in their schools, what is and isn't possible given the limitations placed upon them due to health and safety guidelines.** They will work with you to ensure that we are able to achieve the safest possible solutions. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter or the arrangements for your child's school please don't hesitate to get in touch. We send our warmest wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely



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