



Dear Parent/Carer

When I last wrote to you on 13 May I set out how The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust was supporting academy leaders to deliver the Government's ambition to open schools to children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 as well as vulnerable children and children of critical workers from 1 June.

The Prime Minister always made it clear that the final decision on easing the lockdown would be taken on 28 May and I am sure many of you watched the same 28 May briefing as I did where he repeated and confirmed the Government's ambition.

My letter of 13 May told you that our academy leaders have the flexibility to decide how best to open their doors to a wider age range slowly, carefully and safely based on advice and their local context.

Each academy Headteacher has been in touch with parents directly to communicate their plans. These plans will include a slow and steady approach for pupils to return, time set aside for cleaning and lesson planning, staggered start and finish times and plans to place children into "bubbles" of no more than 15 children to minimise the chance of the virus spreading.

Our academy leaders have made some very difficult decisions on how soon to open, which year groups to open for and for how many days. All decisions have been based on a reasonable assessment of risk, but it is possible that things will change. Although our academies are all taking a slow and careful approach, safety will always be under review and there may be a need to change the offer. You will, of course, be informed as and when this happens.

Again, the past months have been difficult. We are taking a cautious approach to delivering the Government's ambition and I would like to thank you for your support.

As before, our prayers and best wishes are with you and your family.

Yours faithfully,

**Michael Cowland**  
Chief Executive Officer