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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

Last week I wrote to you explaining that the Compass Schools would begin wider opening from 1st June, provided the Government decided their five tests had been met. Yesterday they gave this final approval, so our schools will begin to open for children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6, from next week.

All the Compass staff have worked tirelessly to put plans in place to ensure our schools are as safe as they can be when we welcome back more children. These plans are designed to keep children in small groups for learning, playtime and lunchtime, and ensure hand washing, good personal hygiene and surface cleaning. The school day will also start and end at different times. Each school will contact parents about these arrangements.

Each school's local governing body will monitor their specific plans to make certain they are effective for their community. They will report to the Trust Board, which is responsible for support and review.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support your child's home learning. As we continue to educate the children of key workers in school and have some year groups also returning, approximately half of our children will still be learning at home. We are committed to making sure that all these groups receive the best possible education and equally feel part of their school community.

The past months have been a challenge for us all. As we slowly move towards wider reopening, we will find ourselves having to find new ways of learning and working together. I have no doubt that with all our children, staff, parents, governors and trustees listening to each other we can adjust and adapt to find new solutions to ensure our schools remain places in which our values of optimism, ambition and resilience, continue to be evident in everything we do.

Best wishes to you and your children,

Mary Whitehead

Chair of Trustees, on behalf of the Trust Board