

# The Compass Partnership of Schools

c/o Willow Dene School, Swingate Lane, Plumstead, London, SE18 2JD

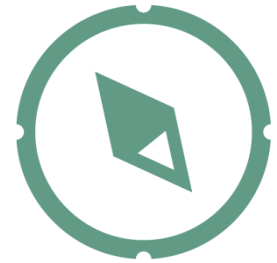
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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are well.

At the end of March our schools closed at short notice for most of our pupils. Only a small number of key worker children and those with an Education Health and Care Plan or named social worker, have continued to attend daily.

Last week the Government announced that primary schools could begin to plan for children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 to return to school from June 1<sup>st</sup>. They also published detailed guidance on how schools can manage to be as safe as possible for children and staff. It includes creating small groups of no more than 15 children who stay together for lunch and playtimes, and maintaining rigorous hand washing, cleaning and personal hygiene routines throughout the day.

The Trust Board met yesterday to discuss these plans and have taken the decision to allow Compass Schools to welcome back children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6, from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, providing the Government gives the final approval next week. If you have a child in these year groups your head teacher will be sending you further information.

We understand that many of you may have concerns about your child returning. We can reassure you that, whilst we can offer no absolute guarantees, it is our intention to keep your children as safe as we possibly can during these difficult times. We have produced a question and answer document that we hope you find useful. This, along with the other government and scientific guidance, can be found on your school's website.

One benefit of being in a Trust is that staff across the schools can work together. All our children, whether at home or in school, will be following the Compass Essentials Curriculum, which has been designed to ensure that all of our pupils receive the same high-quality learning.

The Trust Board will continue to support each school so that our children, staff and families can adapt to these new ways of learning and working together. Please do not hesitate to contact John Camp, Trust Leader, via the email address at the top of

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this letter if you have any questions. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the head teacher of your child's school.

In the meantime, please stay safe, and thank you for your continued understanding as we move to the next stage of our children's phased return to school.

Best wishes to you and your children,

Mary Whitehead

Chair of Trustees

**On behalf of the Trust Board.**