

11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly and most importantly thank you for all you have done and continue to do to work with Pathfinder Schools to ensure that your children continue to stay mentally and emotionally healthy and continue to learn whilst the country has been told to:



Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night I am writing to confirm that, until further guidance is received, in the short term nothing has changed for schools, we continue to open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

It is very important at times of change that we give clear and unambiguous messages, so to confirm:

- We all want to get our pupils back into school as soon as it is safe to do so – empty classrooms without pupils are sad places.
- Our first priority is the health and safety of our staff, pupils and families and any plan to increase numbers will need to make it very clear how we can ensure this whilst minimizing risk.
- Any plan to increase pupil numbers will also need to be practical and manageable; we await further details around this from the Department for Education.

At the current time we await further information, in the meantime Pathfinder Central are working together with your children's schools to forge our pathway through to the next stage. Any decisions we make will be based on our Pathfinder values of collaboration, independence and humanity. If safety factors mean that any of our schools are not in a position to expand pupil numbers in line with government suggestions we will take steps to resolve these concerns prior to increasing school capacity.

Please rest assured that we will let you know as soon as we have any further information, but in the meantime it is business as usual.

Thank you,



Ann Davey
Chief Executive Officer