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24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents or Carers

### **FULL REOPENING OF ALL SCHOOLS – MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for your continued efforts supporting your children during the past couple of months. We are thrilled that schools have been given the green light by the government to reopen fully on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

As you will know, the reopening of education settings to all is being prioritised due to the significant impact caused by being out of school to the mental and physical health and wellbeing of our children and young people. The government has decided on a full, rather than a more gradual approach, reopening following medical and scientific advice and it was comforting to hear at the press conference Monday evening that the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, fully supports this plan.

Despite this hugely positive step forward, we appreciate some parents and children alike may be feeling anxious or scared about returning to the classroom. Let me reassure you, the safety and emotional/mental wellbeing of our children (and staff) is paramount and always remains our priority. The Aspire Health & Safety team has stringent and robust systems in place across all 28 academies to ensure that daily cleaning procedures are thorough and effective, and children's personal hygiene routines will continue to be strictly enforced throughout the day by school staff.

The central Aspire COVID-19 response team is currently analysing the latest DFE guidance and liaising with every Head of School to plan in detail for safe re-opening. Your child(ren)'s individual academy will be in touch shortly with regards to the specific and local measures in place e.g. drop off/pick up procedures and staggered start and finish times.

From 8<sup>th</sup> March, attendance will be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and consequently, the Aspire Academy Trust attendance procedure, pre-COVID-19, should be adhered to.

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You can find a copy of this policy on your academy's website under the STATUTORY INFORMATION tab or on the main Aspire website at <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/193/governance/category/16/aspire-statutory-policies> under 'Other Policies'.

For further information, advice and guidance, please visit the Aspire COVID-19 information page at [www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus).

Finally, I would like to reassure you all again that the procedures already in place will enable us to continue to support you whilst protecting our staff and all the children in our care. In the meantime, if you or your child have any concerns or questions, please contact your child(ren)'s nursery/school directly via email or telephone.

Stay safe and see you all soon!

Best wishes

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