POSSIBLE REOPENING OF SCHOOL.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are all well and safe during this period of lockdown.

Following all the news from Government in the media recently about the easing of the lockdown and the return to school for some students, I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy Bank Leaze.

The Government would like pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school from 1st June. However, this is subject to ongoing monitoring of the relevant data and we will update you as necessary. This is in addition to the children who are able to attend now (children of key workers and other eligible children). The Government has published guidance for parents which is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Bank Leaze?

The safety of the children and your family and of our staff is our number one priority. The Government has provided a list of actions they would like the Academy to take to ensure that we can open for more children safely. I want to assure you that we are working really hard to put as many of those measures in place as possible and, where we can, we will go above and beyond them. I know that you will have many questions about returning to school, about how things will work in school in this ‘new normal’ environment. We understand that you will need to feel confident about the arrangements.

As a staff team we are working very hard to make the necessary arrangements - as you can imagine there are lots of things for us to consider. Once we have organised how we will open the Academy safely for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children we will be in touch with you again this week with our plans for reorganising classrooms to ensure social distancing and a safe return to school.

As part of our plans for reopening, we have sent out a survey to parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six who will be eligible to return to the academy on June lst, in line with Government guidance. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have replied to this survey sent out by email on Friday. If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year One or Year Six, and you haven’t seen this email yet, please check your emails and reply to the survey. It is really helpful for our planning to reopen the academy.

What do I do now?

For Parents and Carers of children who are at Long Cross in childcare provision.

This provision will continue at Oasis Long Cross until Friday May 22nd. **Please note that this provision will stop for the half term holiday on Friday May 22nd.** The provision for your children will then continue back at school at Oasis Academy Bank Leaze from June 1st as part of reopening plans.

For all year groups

Please continue with your child’s home learning, through the online learning in Tapestry and Google Classroom, or through the printed packs provided. For now, we remain at Oasis Academy Long Cross providing childcare as we have been doing. The food voucher scheme also continues as normal for those eligible.

For Parents of children in Mrs White’s class, Miss Steven’s class, Mrs Tyler’s class and Miss Parsons’ class:

If your child is in Years 2, 3, 4 or 5, and you are not a key worker or eligible for childcare, there will be no change on 1st June. Please continue to support your child with their home learning. The Government has announced its intention for the all primary school children to return prior to the summer, but there is no further information on this yet and they have said that this will be kept under review.

Please rest assured that we are taking the re-opening of the Academy extremely seriously. Please be patient with us as we work on the necessary arrangements ahead of 1st June. If you have any individual concerns, we are available by email or phone to talk to.

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Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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