

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents/Carers

**Viking Academy Trust: Term 6 Update:** I hope this email finds you all well and once again, on behalf of all of the staff across our Viking schools, I send our thanks to you all for the part each of you are playing in keeping our children and community safe during this continuing challenging time.

**School Reopening for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6:** By now, parents with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be aware of the arrangements in place to enable children in these year groups to return to school across term 6.

Each of our Viking schools have a timetable in place to reflect the staff capacity and number of children attending in their school. Fundamental to these plans are the meticulous risk assessments that are in place to ensure the health and safety of our children, staff and families.

I thank you for working in partnership with us at this time. I appreciate having to navigate a reduced timetable, non-school uniform, one-way 'traffic' systems and limited face to face communication with school staff must seem, at times, frustrating indeed – but please be assured the measures we have in place are for the safety of everyone.

**Government announcement:** Yesterday, Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, announced to parliament plans for schools to welcome back **all** pupils before the summer holidays **will not be possible**. Sadly, this has come as no surprise. With class sizes limited to 15 children due to social distancing measures, schools have neither the classroom space nor, the staff numbers, to accommodate what would essentially be double the capacity.

**What does this mean for our children in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5:** We will continue to provide a wide variety of 'Home Learning' activities for the children. A letter from your Head of School will be shared with families on Friday. The letter will contain further information regarding the next six weeks and the support available to families during these extremely challenging times.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require our support. Our school offices are open between 8am-4pm (please telephone or email). Our websites are kept up to date with government updates (including updates regarding eligibility for government childcare offers as well as Coronavirus testing for children and families), as well as information to apply for Free School Meals (which will entitle you to the national voucher scheme) as well as links to local Food Banks. Our '[Worried?](#)' page on each school site contains helpful resources to support well-being at home as well as links to numerous sites that share information and contact details for organisations available to support children and families during these challenging times.

Please continue to keep yourself, your friends and family safe.

With my warmest wishes

Michaela Lewis, Executive Headteacher



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