

Our ref: CBL/CBE
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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

Thank you for your support during this period of lockdown and in particular for the many positive messages received about the work of our staff across the three academies. I pay tribute to all of our staff who are providing quality distance learning resources while maintaining contact with you and your children. Our teams have also been working very hard to support children, including those of key workers who are continuing to come into the Academy.

I am sure that you have been keeping a watchful eye on the developments surrounding the partial re-opening of schools and academies. There remain some concerns, yet to be addressed. However, I am sure you will agree that we need to start working together to resume a return to normality for all of our children. The government has announced a return for students in Years 10 and 12 on 1st June, but only on a limited basis through small group face-to-face meetings.

The government will make the final decision about whether to continue with the reopening of schools and academies when it reviews the latest scientific evidence on 28th May, and if the evidence does not support the decision at that time, it will be delayed.

Through our planning and risk assessments for each of our Academies, we have taken the decision to delay the return for Years 10 and 12 until Monday 8th June at the earliest. This will ensure that all health and safety measures are in place to minimise risk for our students and staff. Those students who are already attending (vulnerable and children of key workers) will continue as normal.

Chris Ward, Director of Education, Skills and Employment has asked us to share a letter with you outlining Sandwell Local Authority's approach to the re-opening of schools and academies.

If you have any questions about Q3 Academies' plans for re-opening please direct them to your Academy's Head of School.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to our Academies.

Yours sincerely

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