



# Lime Academy Forest Approach

*Putting Children First*

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you are all staying safe and keeping well.

The announcement last night from the Prime Minister suggested schools may begin a phased return from the 1<sup>st</sup> June for certain year groups. The plans, however, contained little detail about how this would work and how schools can safeguard the health and safety of children and staff as they begin to reopen, particularly in regards to social distancing.

We are expecting further clarification from the DfE over the coming days and will update you as and when we receive more guidance. It is clear that schools will not open for business as usual and pupil numbers attending are likely to be limited. Additionally, some staff and pupils may fall into the vulnerable category and therefore will still be required to stay at home and shield for their own health and safety.

We appreciate these are difficult times for all. We are following all Government advice and we are keen to get our pupils back to school as soon as possible. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is paramount and we cannot open until it is assessed as safe to do so.

I would like to thank the school staff who are working hard to set fun and engaging remote learning activities for our pupils. I would also like to thank all of you for your support in these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

Mary Bickmore  
Headteacher