

10th June 2020

To: All employees of Reach South Academy Trust
Subject: COVID-19 2019-nCoV, Coronavirus

Dear Colleagues,

The Secretary of State for Education announced yesterday that the planned full opening of primary before the summer holidays, has now been abandoned. For the rest of this term, we will focus on how we best meet the needs of those children that are in school and support those that are still home-learning. While we do this, we must be constantly aware that the Covid-19 virus is still there, which is why we must be obsessive about infection control procedures and the necessary hygiene regimes in our academies and in our personal lives.

The Government has not asked us to make any special arrangements over the school summer holiday period. The Secretary of State has announced that he expects schools to be able to return to normal admissions again in September. I know that we all share that hope and expectation and we will carefully monitor the regional and local infection rates in the intervening period to ascertain whether that hope can be realised. For the summer holiday period, the Trust is planning for our academies to be closed to all pupils in the normal way. This will be an opportunity for staff and pupils to take a well-deserved rest and prepare for September.

With very best wishes,



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