

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Ambitions Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

The full re-opening of all our schools is now just around the corner. For some of you this will mean a return on Monday and for others there is a phased return which will take place throughout next week. We are delighted that the decision by Government was to get schools fully open and we can't wait to welcome all our pupils back.

It has been a tough 12 months and all of us have had to respond to situations that have been challenging throughout this period. The past two weeks have seen all our settings focusing on planning for the return to ensure the opening of the schools is as safe as possible. We know that we can never be sure that there will be no cases over the coming weeks but sincerely hope with all the control measures we have in place that the number of cases will be minimal.

For you our parents, it has been such a challenging time, particularly with the lockdown since January. But what you have done to support your children and their schools and nurseries has been utterly amazing! We are so proud of all our communities in the way that they have navigated through these very tough times. We have seen a real coming together of our communities and certainly we would want to retain this as we now move forward to hopefully a positive end to this term and an even better summer term. As your home-schooling routine comes to an end we at Ambitions want to pay tribute to all our parents and carers for the tremendous work you have done to ensure that your sons and daughters have been able to maintain an education programme whilst being at home. I have no doubt that this experience has had its highs and lows and has meant for parents daily juggling acts with supporting learning whilst maintaining your own employment and in many cases probably supporting other family members too!

As the vaccine programme is rolled out at pace we now just hope that the future is bright and we can all enjoy the benefits of schools being open fully.

Again, well done to each and every one of you – you have been amazing; thank you for all the support you have given your schools and nurseries at this very difficult time – it has been very much appreciated.

Best wishes



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