

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Firstly and most importantly, I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we begin a summer term the like of which we have never experienced before. These are unprecedented times and I wanted to provide you with an update on what is happening within the education sector and how the Hope Learning Trust are responding to the ongoing Covid 19 crisis. We are conditions under which they can return. So, in the meantime, we are doing everything within our power to support our students during this difficult time.

As you will be aware, our schools are providing emergency care to the children of key workers and vulnerable families within our communities. Our schools have established rota systems so that staffing is in place for these children with everyone else working on producing online learning materials for the vast majority of students who are learning from home. I would like to encourage all students to access these excellent resources and to make the most of this time.

The Government has not given an indication of when schools are likely to reopen and I wanted to reassure you that all Hope schools will only

Please be assured that the Trust is working hard to prioritise the following key initiatives:

- collecting assessment data for the statutory end of Key Stage assessments;
- continuing to monitor our most vulnerable families;
- making contact with all families to check how students are and see if they can support them to access the online learning resources;
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- providing IT equipment for vulnerable learners (once the Government has issued directives);
- continuing to support families to receive their vouchers for food in lieu of Free School Meals;
- planning for the reopening phase.

To be absolutely clear, Hope Learning Trust is committed to ensuring that our pupils and staff
medical advice says it is safe for schools to do so.

Finally, I wanted to thank you all for supporting our schools and for all the lovely comments we
have received in support of our staff. At this time, the most important thing is to safeguard
-being so please continue to follow the