



# LIFE Education Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family were able to have a good half term break from remote learning and to enjoy the recent warmer weekend.

The government announced yesterday that all pupils will return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March as part of their roadmap for leaving lockdown. Primary pupils will all return on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Secondary pupils will return from that date in a phased manner to accommodate the logistics of onsite testing. We are extremely pleased that we will be able to teach your children at school again and we will be working to support their return in a number of ways:

1. Staff who consent will take two rapid coronavirus tests a week to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission
2. All Frances Bardsley Academy pupils whose parents consent will be tested for Covid-19 on their return to school in line with the government guidance
3. Schools will be looking at a range of ways to support pupils academically and emotionally particularly during the Spring and Summer terms

Headteachers will contact you this week with more detailed information about how they will manage the full return of pupils. They will be adapting their detailed risk assessments as well as planning for testing and appropriate social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support. This has been a tough and demanding experience for us all and the resilience, courage and character that you, your children and our staff have shown has been amazing. We now have a clearer idea of the next few months and I hope that it brings you an increasing sense of hope and optimism.

With best wishes

**Julian Dutnall**  
CEO

