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Dear Parents/Carers,

**A message from the Chief Executive Officer of DNEAT (Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust)**

As you would expect, since I last wrote to you one week ago, the Headteacher and staff at your child's academy have been extremely busy with preparations to expand the offer to enable a wider group of children to return.

Thank you for your patience during this period as we have been responding to government guidance and supporting academies in the complex process of Risk Assessment to ensure that we can safely welcome more children back into school.

Headteachers have been working closely with my colleagues in the MAT to explore the best ways to do this and it is clear, as you would expect, that the way in which each academy operates will be very different. Your Headteacher will explain these changes to you as we approach the return date.

There are still a number of factors that could change these plans and we will need to be flexible and understanding of these as they come up. Not least of these is the decision to be made by the government on Thursday 28 May as to whether they feel it is safe to carry out this next phase. If the decision is to go ahead then the final confirmation on the specific date for children to return will be made by the Trust Board once they have signed off the Risk Assessment and ensured that any necessary PPE equipment is in place.

We continue to take a calm and cautious approach to the further re-opening and remain very sensitive to the anxieties being felt by children, their parents and our staff.

As a Trust we believe that the re-opening of schools needs to be managed carefully and in controlled, staggered phases. I am sure you will support this approach and appreciate that the decisions made by the individual schools will always be with the best interests of children, families and staff at the centre of all they do.

Yours faithfully,

Oliver Burwood  
*DNEAT Chief Executive Officer*

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