



# St Aidan's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware of national plans to open schools to a wider number of pupils in the coming weeks. As a member of Cidari Multi Academy Trust, we are working with our family of Academies and Trust leaders to plan how to do this safely for all of our pupils, staff, parents & carers and wider community.

You will have seen in the media many opinions on the re-introduction of other year groups into school. This includes the risks and benefits of further opening on the learning, wellbeing and safety of children. You will have spoken to friends and family about their views on the matter. As a parent/ carer, I am sure that you will have heard much that causes you concern and raises questions, we feel the same, and like you we want assurances that the decisions we make are the right ones for the safety of our school community.

At this stage, Cidari has not committed to increasing its pupil numbers on any specific date. Instead we will only open to more pupils when we have appropriate measures in place that provide you, your children and our colleagues with the confidence that our buildings are as safe as they practically can be and the risk is managed down as low as possible.

Whilst discussions are still taking place nationally regarding the expectations of schools and the arrangements needed before any return, we will not be issuing any specific documentation or risk assessments. To do so, whilst there is still no national agreement between the Government, professional bodies and unions, would only cause further confusion and uncertainty should the advice change over the coming days and weeks.

Instead, we ask you to trust that we are working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare our Academy for the point at which more pupils can return. We will be transparent in sharing all of the actions taken and any risk assessments we will put in place when they are ready. At this point you will have all of the information you need to make an informed choice regarding your child's attendance.

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This is a fast moving situation. Any further reopening of schools is based on the five criteria set out by the Government regarding the spread of Covid-19 across the UK, and the support of professional bodies in both the education and scientific communities. We will continue to keep you updated through our normal methods and share our planning and further information as we have it. Until then, we remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children as we have been for the past eight weeks.

Thank you for your continued support, your patience during these uncertain times and let me reassure you once again that the welfare of our school community is central to any decisions we make.

Yours sincerely,

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