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Dear Parent/Carer,

July INSET and Plans for September Opening

As you will be aware, the Government has now begun to further relax some of the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. At the end of last week, the Department for Education announced that all schools will re-open for all pupils from the beginning of September.

The Government has made it clear that attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the start of the new term.

This decision has been driven by a decrease in the number of Covid-19 cases, together with the “test and trace” system now being up and running. Public Health England has also made clear that the risk to children continues to be low.

A significant amount of guidance about the safe operation of schools was released at the same time.

We are currently working through the detail of this and will be in touch again before the end of term, setting out the academy plan as to what this means for our academy and our pupils. Please bear with us at this time.

The plan will cover:

- ★ ★ How classes will operate & the curriculum they will follow
- ★ ★ Hygiene arrangements
- ★ ★ Travel arrangements
- ★ ★ Breakfast and after school clubs
- ★ ★ Arrangements in the event that a pupil/pupils or staff have a confirmed case of Covid-19
- ★ ★ Remote learning arrangements, if the need arises.

In order to ensure all staff are trained and prepared ready for the changes in September, following Astrea Trustee Approval, we have decided to hold an **additional INSET day on Friday 17th July 2020.**

This means the academy will close to all pupils as of Thursday 16th July 2020, and will not reopen until early September 2020.

We will be carrying out detailed risk assessments of the academy prior to the start of the new school year and will be sharing our plans for full re-opening with teaching unions and will be shared on the academy website.



As ever, all of our decisions will focus on the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and our staff. Alongside this we are committed to a renewed sense of academic rigour upon return of all children.

These continue to be challenging times, but I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to make the school as safe as it possibly can be for our whole school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Wilson | **Executive Principal**