ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

26th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and safe and managed to enjoy the bank holiday weekend even in these continued uncertain times.

Senior Leaders have been working tirelessly to produce a rigorous risk assessment for the phased return to our schools on June 1st.

Please can we reassure you that the risk assessment will be a 'live document' and we will adapt it as we need to on a daily basis.

Whilst making arrangements to return to school, we have prepared a comprehensive document which we hope will answer many of your questions and concerns as it provides details of how we will operate from June 1st at Bourne Abbey. This is attached for your information.

We must stress, that although we have given the document and the arrangements a great deal of consideration and we feel confident to open on June 1st, we will continue to be flexible and listen to your views and opinions. We will adapt our plans with your ideas, as well as any staff and children's comments to ensure that we all stay safe.

Based on the information you have given us, where a year group/class is above 15, we will be splitting the children. Staff will be asked to consider friendships when allocating children to groups but this cannot be guaranteed due to numbers and official guidelines. We also unfortunately, cannot guarantee that children will be with their usual teacher and TA or be in their usual classroom. Of course, as I said in a previous letter, we will be extremely mindful of the children's health and mental well-being when they return and support them with any changes in our usual loving and caring way.

We didn't want to give you all this information too soon as you can imagine, with things changing so frequently with government directives and guidelines.

Once again, I absolutely appreciate and understand that sending your children back to school on June 1st is a very difficult decision for you. Hopefully we have answered many of your concerns and questions and given you as much reassurance as possible.

As always, it is very helpful if school can be made aware of any changes to personal circumstances or significant events which may have taken place during the time children haven't been in school. Please contact the school office if you wish to share any information.

Our door is always open and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Take care and stay safe as ever.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore Executive Headteacher