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Dear Parent/ Carers

LATEST UPDATE ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

I hope you remain safe and well. I am sure you will have seen the debates in the media about the safety around re-opening schools. My previous letter outlined our arrangements to begin the gradual re-opening of Thoresby, starting with Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) pupils and at a later date expanding to Y1, Y6 and some Foundation Stage 1 Nursery places. Our HCAT schools will be starting this NO EARLIER than **Monday 8th June 2020**. This date is provisional and may be extended following the government announcement next week.

Like many Academy Trusts and Local Authorities, this decision has been made because;

- The 'R' infection rating in our area is still higher than many areas of the country
- This will give us enough time to make sure our Risk Assessments are fully in place and that all staff are briefed and prepared for the many changes
- We have enough PPE equipment and signage in school

We know this uncertainty is difficult for you. We are trying to deal with guidance that is changing daily and will keep you posted as soon as we know more information.

We will continue to provide emergency childcare provision for children of key workers and would like to extend this to a wider group of parents who are having to return to work and have no other childcare available after the half term holiday. Please contact enquiries.thoresby@hcat.org.uk if you need to book a place.

Best wishes and as always stay safe

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