

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are healthy, safe, and well.

Over the last two days the Prime Minister has set out the Government's plan to begin to gradually ease the lockdown and manage the Coronavirus pandemic over the coming months.

The school has remained open for a small number of vulnerable and critical worker families since March. We believe that by following the guidance from government and from Ark Schools we will be prepared to safely increase the number of pupils who are on site in line with government advice.

Primary pupils

The Government has said that it would like to be able to begin a phased reopening of primary schools for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 at the beginning of June (from Monday 1st June). We are completing detailed planning of how this provision will work at King Solomon Academy and will be in contact with the affected parents with full details in good time before 1st June.

The government also states that they hope that all primary school children can return to school for one month before the start of the summer holidays. By our estimation, that would be around the 22nd June. There are not currently any definite plans from the government regarding this.

Secondary pupils

For secondary pupils, the government has said that they are planning for some pupils in Year 10 and Year 12 who will be doing exams next year to get at least some time with their teachers before the summer holidays, but no specific timeframe has been suggested yet.

The Prime Minister stressed that all of the reopening plans are conditional and will depend on infection rates decreasing. Therefore our planning will also be conditional. If the government guidance changes, we will need to adapt or delay the plans we have in place.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of our pupils back at school again. We know that the best thing for every child's education is for them to be at school – but, most importantly, only when it is safe for them, and our staff, to do so.

The government have published guidance on what is expected, which we will be following:

[Government guidance on reopening educational settings](#)

[Government guidance on how to ensure safe educational settings](#)

Once we have carefully reviewed the Government's guidance and then developed our specific plans, I will update you with more details and how they apply to your child. For now, please continue to encourage and support your child to complete the schoolwork they have been set and to maintain a healthy and active daily routine.

If you need any further information or help, please contact email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

Max Haimendorf
Principal