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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure that you are aware of the recent communications from the government regarding their ambitions for schools next term. The government's ambition is that schools will begin to welcome more pupils/students from 1 June at the earliest.

With this in mind, Maiden Erlegh Trust and individual schools' leaders are considering the feasibility expanding provision and they are undertaking risk assessments. We are taking a very measured approach, placing the safety of children and staff at the heart of all decision-making. We will not be rushed in this process and we will only open when we are confident that we can do so as safely as possible. **We have not made any decision on exact dates at this stage nor on how the provision will be managed.**

In addition, we will continue to review any in-school and remote provision to ensure it is both purposeful and manageable for staff and children alike.

Our planning and risk assessment processes will be on-going as information is updated. We have, however, made the following decisions:

- The Pop-Up secondary school for keyworker and vulnerable children will close on Friday 22 May and the provision will re-locate to each home school after half term.
- There will be no provision in any of our schools over the half term break (25-29 May) in order to allow for further planning and risk assessment.
- Great Hollands Primary School will continue with the current provision only until further notice.

In addition, plans are in place to re-open the Hamilton School site on 1 June.

Your child's respective Headteacher will contact you separately to update you with details relating to the specific provision at your child's school as we know more.

I fully appreciate it is frustrating not to have more details now. Please let me reassure you that, as soon as schools have made definitive decisions regarding the widening of provision, they will let you know. Please wait for separate information regarding this.

Once again, thank you for all your support and understanding. I know that colleagues in schools and in the Trust are very grateful for that.

I wish you all well.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Davies
Chief Executive Officer