



# SPA ACADEMY ASKERN

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Planned reopening of Spa Academy pupils in Year 6

As you are aware, following the government advice for schools to reopen, we have been working hard, across the schools in Leger Education Trust, to prepare our sites for children from nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 returning to school.

Wider opening is an important step to ensuring that more children get back to school and, in turn, their parents can return to work. However, we must remember that the measures needed to make sure that this is safe, also limit the number of children who can attend at any one time. Each of our schools has calculated the number of children that can be safely accommodated – both because of physical space but also in relation to staffing of the 'bubbles'. This challenge has been recognised by the government in their announcement yesterday that all schools are not going to be fully open to all year groups before the autumn term.

Following the statements made on June 4<sup>th</sup>, regarding the delay of Doncaster schools wider reopening until June 15<sup>th</sup>, we have received, as expected, an update on the Doncaster situation. Yesterday we received a letter from Dr Rupert Suckling, Director of Public Health in Doncaster, informing us that he is now confident that schools will be able to open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June for the nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils. His statement is attached to this letter on our website and I ask you to read it carefully so you understand the reasons for his decision.

As a consequence of this update Spa Academy will now open to its Year 6 pupils, as planned from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** in line with this revised Doncaster guidance. The schools will also continue to be open to provide child care for those children of key workers and vulnerable pupils in all year groups. All schools will still continue to provide home learning for your child, especially those in year groups not expected to be back in school.

For parents of children in Year 6, who are key workers or have vulnerable children, **if you have confirmed your intention to return this week, you have been allocated a place for when we reopen on 15<sup>th</sup> June.** If you decide to change your plans for child care provision, please can I ask you to contact school by emailing [admin@askernspa.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@askernspa.doncaster.sch.uk) or telephoning school on 01302 700332, as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Please bear in mind that we require **5 days notice** in order to put sufficient staff in place and organise groups safely.

Information regarding specific start and finish times, arriving and leaving school and what your child will need to bring, as well as details of what we are doing to make school safe, can be found on the school website, on the **Wider School Reopening** page. [Click Here](#)

If, after reading this information, you have any outstanding questions please contact your class teacher via Seesaw or email [admin@askernspa.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@askernspa.doncaster.sch.uk). I would again like to thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter at this time.

Yours sincerely

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