F.A.O: All staff

Riverside Primary Academy

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing Body of our school as we wish to provide you with information relating to the Governors' stance on the current situation.

As you are all aware, the government have updated their guidance and have suggested a return to education for specific children as of June 1st 2020. We understand that accommodating these children in our school will undoubtedly mean that significant changes would need to be made to the usual routines and practices that occur on a day to day basis. This will affect every member of our school community in some way or another.

We are currently considering how, if at all, we can fulfil the request made by the government at this time. Many of you may have doubts surrounding the return to work, whether this is due to personal circumstances, concerns for the children or for any other reason, and I fully understand as this is a natural response in a situation such as this.

I wish to reassure you all that the Governors are communicating regularly with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team in order to make preparations for a return, whenever that may be. **Our priority is the health, safety and well-being of every member of our community and we will continue to collaborate to ensure that any action taken is in the best interests of all concerned.**

We will **not** allow anyone to be put at risk by ensuring that we provide you with a safe working environment. As always, we will continue to put the safety of our school community at the forefront of any decisions that are made. I cannot thank you all enough for the efforts you have made thus far; we certainly do have a fantastic team!

Please stay safe and well. Remember that we are all in this together and we will come through this together.

Mrs Joanne Earl
(Chair of Governors)