



CULVERHILL SCHOOL
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(Specialist SEND College –
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your support and partnership with us as we have sought to meet all our children's needs as fully as possible during this problematic year.

As you are aware we will be re-opening to children on Monday 6th September 2021 and normal school hours will resume (9.00am – 3.30pm). The Government has not yet updated the advice to special schools regarding their plans for September, particularly around clinically extremely vulnerable pupils or around testing in special schools. We anticipate that further advice and guidance will be published during the summer holidays, and we will update you at the beginning of term with our final plans after reviewing our risk assessments. The indications at present are that bubbles will no longer be required and that systems of controls will reduce from September to focus on hygiene, ventilation and enhanced cleaning.

We will continue to navigate the pandemic bearing in mind the following principles:

1. Our obligation to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff
2. Our commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of pupils and staff
3. We will approach the planning task in a measured and deliberate way with ethical and compassionate leadership
4. We will make the best possible decisions on the basis of the evidence we have and within the constraints and parameters we face in our schools and trust.

Thank you for the overwhelming positive support you, as our parent / carer community, have given to our school staff – many of whom have, like yourselves, been juggling complex scenarios and commitments. We have been navigating this crisis for well over a year, and have travelled safely thanks to everyone's shared values and commitment to do what is consistently in the best interest of our community.

We will be in touch with an update on the expectations for re-opening prior to 6th September.

Very best wishes for now and we hope you have a lovely summer break.

Andrew Buckton: CEO Enable Trust

Sue Hewitt: Headteacher Culverhill School


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