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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and coping in the ongoing current situation. Please find attached a letter to you from Rachel Howie our Chief Executive Officer of our Academies Trust.

As you know, the Prime Minister announced on Sunday evening that schools will be beginning to open to the return of pupils starting from 1st June. I have been working very closely over the past few days with colleagues to read and understand the guidance from the government. We have missed seeing the children and are very much looking forward to welcoming them back into school but this must be done in a planned and safe way.

Initially the year groups that are encouraged to return to school will be **Reception**, **Year 1 and Year 6**. It is hoped that pupils from other year groups will be able to return at a later date. Schooling for pupils in this term will be quite different from the usual set up and routines that they have known before. We will be keeping children in small groups and they will not be mixing with other pupils on site whilst they are with us. It is quite possible we will only be operating a part time timetable and there will be staggered lunchtime, start and end to the day. If we have to split a year group into two groups they will attend on different days. We will ensure that the children in school and at home have access to the same tasks so that no one is at an educational disadvantage to their peers at this time.

For planning to move forward to the next stage and so that I can put firm plans in place for the correct number of pupils, I need to know whether you will be sending your child into school. I understand that many parents are still anxious about their children returning. Parents will not be fined or sanctioned in anyway if you decided to keep your child at home.

I understand that some families may have a child who is in a year group that can attend school and another in a year that is not yet back in school. Unfortunately, we are unable to take pupils who are not in the allocated year groups.

The Critical Worker group will continue as it is now. Please continue to email Heidi with your attendance requests.

Please could you email Heidi at <u>admin@longney.gloucs.sch.uk</u> to confirm whether your child will be returning or not once arrangements are in place and we are in a position to open to your child's year group.

With best wishes,

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Ms Penny Howard Headteacher































