

Parent Council Chairs

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Dear Parent Council Chair

Update on PPP1 Schools Issue

I apologise for not getting in touch earlier but I am sure you will understand that our key priority since the decision to close the PPP1 schools on 8 April has been to put contingency arrangements in place for all pupils. The decision to close the schools was not taken lightly but clearly the health and safety of our pupils has to be paramount.

Making alternative arrangements for all 8300 nursery, primary, secondary and special school pupils has been a huge logistical exercise and I am pleased to report that from today all pupils are back in education. I am grateful to colleagues across the council for their support in achieving this outcome and we will continue to work together to manage the situation.

Our own Head Teachers have been working together to ensure that any temporary transition arrangements work smoothly and addressing any day to day issues that have arisen. I recognise that they are best placed to update parents on the practical arrangements in their own school and have asked that they ensure that they keep their own parent community up to date. At the same time, I will ensure that we keep parents updated on the wider issues and whenever there is news to share we will share this as quickly as possible, either directly with individual Parent Councils and their parent bodies or citywide updates through our website.

In addition, the issue of school closures will be discussed at the next round of localities meetings that are taking place over the next few weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and pupils in those schools that have closed and those that are providing space for classes. Their patience, support and understanding during this challenging time has been much appreciated by everyone involved.

Yours sincerely



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