



ENQUIRIES: Steve Reddy,
Director,
Children & Young People's Service.

OUR REF: SR/RB/JJ

DATE:

Dear Colleagues,

LIVERPOOL POSITION re RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Further to my communication earlier this week. I want to share with you the Liverpool position at this moment in time.

The guiding principle throughout is that schools must only re-open to more children IF it is safe to do so for both children and staff.

We have operated the Safe Space Hubs since 23 March. These will close on Friday 22nd May. **After the half term, schools will reopen and assume responsibility for the children of key workers and vulnerable children only.** These are the only children returning to school on 1st June.

Our position is that no other pupils should be returning to school before 15th June at the very earliest, subject to rigorous risk assessments having been undertaken. I will communicate to you by 8th June as to whether this date still stands.

Tomorrow, the full guidance document for possible re-openings will be sent to you. This document will also set out the proposed approach beyond 15th June. For your information, the attached diagrams demonstrate our desktop planning about what a return to school for more pupils might look like in the future, if safe to do so. I also intend to send a letter to parents tomorrow.

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Throughout this period, you have acted at speed with incredible patience and tenacity in the face of an impossible situation. You and your staff have given up holidays, worked longer days and been tirelessly selfless. None of this is taken for granted.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Reddy', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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