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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the positive support you continue to offer to the schools within the Apollo Partnership Trust as we negotiate through this uncharted territory. It is very much appreciated.

As you will no doubt be aware, the Prime Minister, last night, announced the first stage of the country's 'Recovery Strategy'.

This includes the gradual re-opening of schools, initially to specific year groups, then to all primary aged children. In addition, for year 10s and 12s to have some time with their teachers before the end of the Summer term.

We have been working for some time on our own recovery plans in order to be able to open our schools safely.

We all want our young people back in school. We miss them and want to be able to do the jobs we were trained to do.

However, as leader of the Apollo Partnership Trust, I am committed to ensuring that no member of staff, or young person within our schools, is put at risk. Therefore, I need to be confident that when our schools do start to re-open, we do so in the absolute knowledge that we have mitigated every risk and planned for all eventualities.

Mr Prior, Headteacher at Broom Leys Primary School, will be contacting the parents and carers of Broom Leys pupils as soon as possible with more information regarding the staged opening of the school. In addition, later this week we will be writing to all Year 6 pupils who will be attending either The Castle Rock School or The Newbridge School in September, to let them know about our transition plans as they prepare to move in to Year 7. We will also be contacting Year 10 and 12 pupils very soon as we hope to plan for them to have some time with their teachers before the summer holidays.

In the meantime, keep doing what you are doing to stay safe. Our young people really are our heroes, dealing with this unprecedented situation in the most positive way. We look forward to seeing them all again as soon as we can, in the hope of creating not 'a new normal' but 'a better normal.'

With my very best wishes



Julia Patrick