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Dear Parents/Carers,

**PM Boris Johnson said today that he will set out a "comprehensive plan" next week on how to restart the economy, reopen schools and help people travel to work following the coronavirus lockdown.**

He said the UK was "past the peak" of the virus outbreak, but stressed the country must not "risk a second spike".

Earlier this week, Gavin Williamson told the Education Select Committee the date for opening would depend on scientific advice - but schools would get "as much notice as possible". Mr Williamson said he was keen for schools to return as soon as was safely possible because of the disruption to pupils' learning.

"When we bring schools back - and I think everyone wants to see schools returning - they will return in a phased manner," said Mr Williamson, as all pupils going back at once would not be "realistic or practical".

Unfortunately, until we have clarity on social distancing and a date to open from the government, no school in the Trust will be able to share any details of what a return will look like with parents and carers. All Headteachers are conscious of how difficult a phased return will be for pupils and parents and are trying to look at all options to ensure a return will be the least disruptive we can make it.

I would like to give my thanks to all parents and carers for their continued support for our schools. You have been marvellous and have worked creatively with teachers to enable remote learning to take place and this has been a tremendous success for our family of schools.

The Trust will update you as soon as we have more information to share.

Thank you for your patience.

Sarah Finch  
CEO

The Marches Academy Trust incorporating: Alliance of Leading Learning, Grange Primary School, The Grove School, Longlands Primary School, Lower Heath C of E Primary School and Nursery, The Marches School, Shrewsbury Academy, Sir John Talbot's School, Tilstock C of E Primary School and Nursery

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