



St Martin's Garden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely sunny Friday! I would just like to thank you for your continued support and kind messages. The staff all really appreciate them. I opened one today to find a rainbow of colour inside and it made me smile so much.

In my letter to you earlier this week, I explained that I would keep you updated as much as I can. I am sure that you are all continuing to follow the news and know that the government has asked schools to prepare to for a phased reopening on 1st June at the earliest, beginning with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I must also reiterate that the 1st June is the earliest possible date for a gradual and phased reopening of schools for some year groups. **A Trust survey has been sent to families who have children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I would kindly ask you to complete this as soon as possible if you haven't had chance to do so yet.**

The Department for Education sent out information late on Tuesday evening. As a school we had used this additional information to start preparing our plans. They then updated schools again with further documentation late last night. As a school we have then reviewed our plans and continue to further refine and develop them as further updates are provided. Our priority will, of course, be keeping our children, families and staff safe from harm.

In all our decisions we are reviewing our staffing which may vary, the site and also our ongoing commitments to Home Learning for those not in school. As a school we have been working closely with all the schools within the Trust to carefully consider our approaches to these changes. The School Governing Body and the Palladian Academy Trust Board have to approve our plans. This will not happen until Monday next week. Therefore the earliest we may be able to share our plans with you is on **Tuesday 19th May.**

What we are able to let you know is that the Trust have decided that all our **schools will be closed** to pupils **over the May half term break. Therefore, there will be no provision for any children after Friday 22nd May until Monday 1st June.** This will allow all staff including those who have been on site to take a well-earned break and be prepared for the new term.

Continue to make sure you look after yourselves and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. Take care and Keep Safe!

Kind regards, Claire Parfitt, Headteacher

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