



Our Ref: NCa/JAS

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Department for Education has issued guidance on the phased re-opening of schools in England, starting on 1 June 2020 at the earliest.

The actual re-opening date for Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy is yet to be confirmed. We expect to be able to clarify the date by Monday, 1 June 2020 and confirm how Year 10 and Year 12 students are expected to return to our academy in the first wave.

Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy will continue to provide provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers at our sister school site, Smestow School until our site re-opens to cater for more students. All other students will continue remote learning from home until the next phase in the lifting of restrictions.

We will notify parents and carers as soon as the DfE instructions become clear. In the meantime, we are keen to reassure families of the diligence with which Wednesfield High Specialist Engineering Academy is implementing the detailed guidance provided by the Department for Education and Government on social distancing, safeguarding and the continuance of educational provision under these challenging conditions. The Trust have commissioned a Health and Safety company to assess our plans and ensure all control methods are in place.

When our academy does re-open, please anticipate that arrangements will be different from those that the children experienced prior to the current closure period.

I would like to reassure you again that the safety of your child, the staff and the wider community is of the highest importance to us. I hope you have a safe and happy half-term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Carpenter'.

Mrs N Carpenter
Head of School