



# Brine Leas School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week saw a lot of information released and expectations shared about the reopening of schools. There was also a lot of discussion and as of yet, no official guidance for secondary schools, despite a number of documents relating to the primary sector. Like you, I would like the school to be open at the earliest opportunity. I want this school to be teaching all its students, phasing the new students into the school ready for next year (current Year 6 and 11 students), preparing our Year 10 and 12 students for the GCSE and A Levels and looking after most vulnerable students. This will happen at some point, but only when it is safe for students and staff to do so. It has become clear, that there will not be a return to normality in the next few weeks and therefore we continue to plan and adapt to what that will mean for our students and staff.

This week I will meet both the Trust (Brine Multi Academy Trust) and the LGB (Local Governing Board) where we will discuss and agree the plans for the reopening of the school. This will enable us to share a roadmap with you for that reopening. It will not be possible to put dates on the roadmap and this will be the most dynamic part of the plan. We will continue to follow the official guidance and make the correct decisions for the safety and welfare of the entire community. Once the roadmap is published later this week, I will give you weekly updates on where we are on the plan. Risk assessments and safety plans may mean that the plan doesn't progress as fast as we all would like and if the risk becomes too high we may have to take a step back at some point, but we will get back to face to face teaching at some point.

Alongside this, we've been expanding our provision for sharing lessons, online teaching, and learning materials and this too will form part of the discussion with the Local Governing Board this week. The roadmap that will be published later this week will also include our future for this type of provision and will expand on what we have been able to achieve thus far.

It is clear that whatever the route to reopening is, it's not going to be easy and nor will it be as quick as many would like. While every school will share most of our aims in reopening, each school will have to react to its own situation and risk assessments. I have been working closely with our colleagues across the NEP (Nantwich Education Partnership) to ensure as coordinated an approach as possible

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from the primary and secondary schools across the Nantwich area. I have also been in close contact with representatives from the Local Authority and the other secondary Headteachers across Cheshire East, in particular, Jeannette Walker at Malbank School. We are working in collaboration to forward-plan the reopening of our schools.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Cole', written in a cursive style.

David Cole  
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