

Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents/Carers

Viking Academy Trust: Term 5 Bank Holiday Update

I hope this email finds you all well and once again, on behalf of all of the staff across our Viking schools, I send our thanks to you all for the part each of you are playing in keeping our children and community safe during this continuing challenging time.

School Reopening: There has been much speculation over the last week about the reopening of schools and we all await the Government announcements in the next few days. For now, it would be wrong to speculate as to what this return to school will look like, what is clear, is that it won't be 'business as usual'. I appreciate that many of you will be pleased about the reopening of schools, whilst others maybe feeling a little more anxious. That is totally understandable.

I want to reassure you all decisions and changes that will need to be made will be done so with the physical and emotional wellbeing of the whole community in mind (pupils, parents, carers and staff). Once all schools have been given guidance from the Department for Education, we will be finalising our planning of the next stage and will follow all the health and safety guidance around keeping our schools and community safe. We will, of course, keep you all informed and offer a further update next week.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require our support. Our websites are kept up to date with government updates (today there are updates regarding eligibility for government childcare offers) as well as information to apply for Free School Meals (which will entitle you to the national voucher scheme) as well as links to local Food Banks. Our '[Worried?](#)' page on each school site contains helpful resources to support well-being at home as well as links to numerous sites that share information and contact details for organisations available to support children and families during these challenging times.

A reminder our schools are closed tomorrow, Friday 8th May, as it is Bank Holiday.

I hope the special [75th anniversary, VE Day](#) Bank Holiday Weekend brings with it an opportunity to spend family time together – where perhaps for just a short while, life can resume with a feeling of 'normality'; whilst allowing us time to reflect upon heroes past and present!

Keep yourself, your friends and family safe.

With my warmest wishes

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