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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you remain safe and well. Further to the letter shared with you earlier this week regarding the partial reopening of Barton Hill Academy from Monday 11th May, I wish to clarify that the partial reopening of the school will only apply to children of keyworkers and those described by the Department for Education (DfE) as vulnerable. This follows Government guidance relating to the national Coronavirus response.

As you are aware, we have been constantly reviewing the situation to ensure that Barton Hill Academy provides the right level of support for our pupils and their families, as well as for our staff, to ensure that we follow Government guidelines to keep everyone safe. Until now, this has involved the provision of home learning materials following our core curriculum and contact by telephone between teachers and parents.

Whilst there was no immediate uptake for a school-based provision at Barton Hill Academy, that situation has now changed and as a result, we have decided to partially reopen the school to offer care for individual children, in line with guidelines established by the DfE.

In order to meet the current demand for places, whilst adhering to all safety protocols, we will be offering sessions of school-based care to small groups of children, as specified in our previous letter. If your child has been offered a place in school, you should have been contacted by a member of staff to confirm when your first session will take place and to discuss the need for additional sessions going forward.

If you have not been contacted by a member of staff and your circumstances have changed so that you are now a keyworker, or you feel that your child falls into the DfE's definition of 'vulnerable', please contact the school on 07487 511357 or 07398 094252. The DfE defines vulnerable children as *those who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child-in-need plans, or child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.*

The Coronavirus situation is fast-moving and we are following the latest advice from the Government, the DfE and other agencies to ensure that we are providing the right level of support to our community within the current safety guidelines. Protecting pupils and staff is our highest priority, which is why we have structured the school-based care into small groups.

If you have any questions or need to contact us, please use the telephone numbers given above.

Please look after each other and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Tovey
Principal