



## DEAN TRUST Ardwick

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE

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12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to express my gratitude for your continued support throughout the past week. Your cooperation in ensuring that your child can access and complete their remote learning while the school is closed has been invaluable.

We are truly thankful for the parents who have taken the time to attend our community drop-in sessions, providing positive feedback and sharing their concerns about the school and the welfare of our staff. Your support has been vital in maintaining a sense of community during these difficult circumstances.

We understand the frustration that comes with the uncertainty of not knowing when the school will reopen, and we appreciate your patience. Our updates have been reliant on the advice and guidance of trained professionals, who assess the condition of the building and determine its safety for reopening.

Establishing a precise date for the complete reopening of the school has proven challenging due to the extensive portion of the building requiring remedial work and/or specialised cleaning. However, I am pleased to share some positive news. The school will partially reopen on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. This can be executed safely, as the recent extension is isolated from the main school building and remains entirely unaffected. This area of the school only has the capacity to accommodate one year group and currently, we will adhere to government guidance by prioritising those year groups preparing for external examinations. **Therefore, the school will be open to Year 11 only at this time.**

We understand that this may not provide a complete resolution, but it is a significant step forward. Specialist cleaning and remedial work will continue, and we aim to make additional sections of the building available for a broader partial reopening in the near future. Regular updates will be provided as we actively work towards the full reopening of the school.

As part of our ongoing communication, we are planning events for parents and carers to connect with the Headteacher. The first of these events is scheduled for Wednesday at 422 Manchester. Further details regarding this event will be communicated to you on Monday.

Year groups 7-10 will continue to receive remote learning at the start of each day through Google Classroom. Pupils will be provided with a full day's worth of work. We request your ongoing support in ensuring that your child completes all their assigned tasks to maintain their academic progress. Your collaboration is crucial to the success of our remote learning efforts. If your child is unable to access their remote learning, please ask them to visit the community hub at 422 Manchester.

For eligible year 7-10 pupils entitled to free school meals, we will continue to arrange supermarket vouchers for the upcoming week. These will be distributed to parents and carers via email on Tuesday.

Your continued support is truly appreciated. Thank you again.

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Yours sincerely,

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