



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE

Head of School: Mr Steven Worthington BA (Hons) MSc NPQH

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during this period. I acknowledge that the uncertainty surrounding the full reopening of the school has been a source of frustration for many, and I appreciate your understanding.

A carefully devised plan for the gradual reopening of the school has been proposed. However, the timescales associated with this plan have been beyond the school's control - mainly the absence of a project manager and uncertainties in claim authorisation. I am pleased to confirm that we have received confirmation today that the insurance claim has been authorised and consequently a project manager has been formally appointed to oversee the cleaning and remedial work required to restore the school to its original state. As a result, the specialist cleaning team has already begun their work, ensuring that the school is clean and safe for the additional pupils to return to school.

I am delighted to announce that we are progressing to Phase 2 of our gradual reopening, commencing the week of January 29, 2024. We will be inviting a second year group on-site and working towards welcoming back the remaining year groups as soon as possible. I am committed to providing personalised letters to you based on your child's year group. These letters will outline the proposed date each year group will return to school and will be sent to you no later than Monday.

In addition to the personalised correspondence, as part of our commitment to keeping you informed, we would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning with the Headteacher. This event aims to provide a comprehensive update, addressing issues raised in the previous Coffee Morning, and addressing any specific health and safety concerns you may have ahead of the reopening of Dean Trust Ardwick.

The Coffee Morning will be held at 422 Community Hub on Stockport Road, with two sessions at 10:30 am and 4:30 pm. Please note that space is limited, and attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis. The second session (4:30pm) is to be confirmed, depending on interest.

If you wish to attend the Coffee Morning, please sign up using the below link by 3pm on Friday 26th January 2023. We kindly ask that you also use this form to submit any questions you have in advance.

- Thursday 1st February 2024 at 10:30am - <https://forms.gle/MTuAhsSzAMPPrpZ299>
- Thursday 1st February 2024 at 4:30pm - <https://forms.gle/PASkQycCeEBjM9fe6>

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We are aware that some of our pupils may have been victims of a previous fire, and want to ensure all our pupils return to school feeling supported and happy. If your child has negative experiences relating to fires, and you believe they may require additional support, please contact admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk in advance, and we will put bespoke support in place.

Kind Regards,

Mr S. Worthington

Head of School

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