



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents/Carers

I want to start with a big thank you to all of you for your support over the past 6 weeks. We know what a challenging time this has been and value your feedback, kind messages and engagement around your child's home learning.

On Sunday night we learnt, through the Prime Minister's announcement, that schools would be directed to open for children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6**. This announcement was followed up with the release of guidance last night from the Department of Education informing schools what opening would look like and what restrictions we are bound to.

There has also been guidance released to parents regarding schools opening. [You can read this guidance here.](#)

We are currently working on an opening plan that takes into account any staff we have who are shielding and ensuring appropriate classroom space is available for any students who will be coming into school. At the current time we may be looking at students returning to school on a part time timetable - we would of course communicate this when we have finalised plans.

We would be grateful for you to [complete the attached form](#) to indicate if you would be sending your child back to school if we were to open on June 1st. It is important to note the following points:

- Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.
- We could not guarantee your child's class teacher will be teaching the class and some may be taught by a teaching assistant.
- It has been recognised that schools may not be able to adhere to the 2m distance guidelines.
- Drop off and collection times will be staggered so we can ensure children from different groups are not mixing.
- Lessons in school will be undertaken using our online platforms and so will be different to how the children normally learn at school.
- Our online platforms (Google Classroom, Seesaw and Tapestry) will continue to run until the end of the summer term.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the [attached questionnaire](#), we will of course be in touch with more details as soon as they are available to us.

Stay safe,

Miss Heppell  
Principal - Atlantic Academy Primary