

Dear Gade Valley Parents and Carers,

We thought it important at this confusing and challenging time you heard from the Governing Body of Gade Valley school.

Firstly, it is important to say that the Governing body fully supports the actions taken by Mr Barron, his Senior Leadership Team and all the staff to start a phased return to school.

We hesitate to use the term re-open as the school has never closed, even during the Easter break, to provide care and support to some children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their massive commitment undertaken in the usual professional and caring manner, the 'Gade Valley way'.

We, as Governors, have liaised closely with the school as they plan this next phase and have taken into account National and Local guidance, as has the school. The overriding principle is, and remains, that we will not take action which puts children or staff in un-mitigated risk.

The advice has been contradictory and confusing, but the school has ensured that all matters have been fully considered and well communicated to you.

This next phase will not see Gade Valley return to what we would consider a normal school day, but I know that all the staff will do their utmost to ensure that all concerned are as safe as circumstances allow.

During this period of uncertainty, we know that we will all have to remain flexible to respond to National, Local and more importantly the needs of our school community.

Mr Barron and his team have the full support and thanks of the Governing Body as we move forward.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Stay safe and well,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Chapman

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Gade Valley Governing Body.