



AIREBOROUGH LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

### **Statement from the ALPT on Education Provision (Summer 2020)**

By the end of the 2019-20 academic year some of our students will have been out of the school environment for 14 weeks. Whilst schools have worked hard to deliver on-line learning throughout the period of closure, alongside the provision of Keyworker School, the Trust recognises that the impact for some students will be significant and will require schools to carefully consider how to accelerate progress for these students and ensure they are able to 'catch-up'.

As a Trust we are committed to ensuring that pupils are able to return to school in the autumn in the safest possible way. The Secretary of State for Education has promised guidance for schools on how students are able to return safely in the autumn. The Trust would welcome the publication of this guidance as soon as possible in order to give school leaders time to plan and share those plans with parents.

The Trust welcomes the investment government has outlined to support tuition programmes and additional school funding to support catch-up programmes for cohorts of students and looks forward to seeing more detail. Tuition and 'catch-up' programmes have most impact when they are delivered alongside a school curriculum and are supported by teachers' assessment of the gaps in pupils' learning and how to fill them. It is also essential that these programmes are delivered when all students can be directed to attend any additional sessions as appropriate. For this reason, the Trust believes these programmes are best delivered when schools are in session, next academic year and schools in the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust will not be running academic catch-up programmes over the summer.

The ALPT does not believe that there should be any expectation from government that schools remain open over the summer, or that staff will work through the summer. If schools are directed to open over the summer break then any provision would be limited by the staffing available.

We understand the impact lost education can have on our young people. Our priority and collective focus must now be on developing the best possible provision for students as they return to school in September so that lost time can be made up and the future for our young people protected.

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