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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

On Monday 1st June, both academies partially reopened their education provision to children in Year 6 in accordance with STEP Academy Trust guidance. We are both incredibly proud of the way that our pupils, parents and staff have adapted so brilliantly to the new routines and procedures that we have had to introduce to address the principle that 'the safety of children and staff will be our top priority'. We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the great job that the parents of those children who are currently unable to return to school are doing in maintaining routines for home learning. Please remember that we understand that every family will be able to engage with home learning in different ways depending on their own circumstances, so do not worry about what you have been able to achieve. Finally, as we are all spending more time at home than ever before, many people nationally are feeling extra financial pressure to try and support their families. If you are finding it difficult at the moment, please do get in contact with us as we may be able to offer you some support.

Reopening to Year 1

On Monday 15th June, we are really excited to be welcoming children in Year 1 back to our academies in accordance with STEP guidance. Please see the letter that was sent to all parents on Thursday 11th June for more detail on the specific arrangements for Year 1. We know that Mr. Fox at White House and Mrs Dubas –Fisher at Phoenix are really looking forward to seeing the children on Monday. At both academies, there will be members of staff available at drop-off and collection time to support the children's transition back into school.

Returning to school at a later date (Year 1 and Year 6 only)

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 6 and has not yet returned to school but you intend for them to do so at any point before the end of the academic year, please first contact the office who will then confirm the date that your child can return. Please note that we will not be able to admit any child back to school before their readmission has first confirmed by the school, this is so that we can first make any necessary adjustments to our provision.

Home Learning Pack 5

Class teachers have been working hard to produce our next home learning packs and these will be available for each year group through the 'Home Learning' tab on the home page of each academy's website. If you need paper copies of the packs to be printed, please let the relevant academy office know and they will arrange a time for collection with you.

Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games 2020

From Monday 15th June, White House and Phoenix Academies will be competing to be Sussex champions in the Specsavers 'Virtual' Sussex School Games 2020.

Children can take part alongside their friends and teammates from school, win medals, trophies and prizes, and strive to be the very best that they can be in this very special, virtual competition.

Each Monday morning during the Summer Term, a new sport will be launched, made up of four physical or technical sporting personal challenges, which can be done from the living room, garden, or school.

Throughout the week the children can practice, train and improve, before submitting their best scores in each challenge to www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk ahead of the Friday deadline (12pm midday). These scores will be added to our school's totals, meaning that all our pupils can be part of our academy teams and compete against all of the other schools in the county. Children representing the winning schools will be awarded with, much-coveted, Specsavers Sussex School Games medals, as well as earning points for the overall leader boards. In addition to the leader boards, schools can also win 'Spirit of the Games' awards for getting the most participants involved in each sport. We hope that as many of you as possible will take up this challenge. Let us know how you get on!

Home/School Communication

If you have any questions or need advice, please get in contact using the details below:

Phoenix Academy Office: 01323 841420 (Phone) office@phoenixstepacademy.org (Email)

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Kind regards,

Mr. Drinkwater and Mrs. Collins
Interim Heads of School