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Dear Parents and Carers

The government has made a number of new announcements this week, some of which will affect schools. I am writing to you today to provide an update on these and how they will impact our schools.

### **Catch up plan**

To address the disruption to education caused by the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the government has announced a £1 billion catch up plan for schools. The additional funding is to be spent during the next academic year from September 2020 to July 2021. Guidance has yet to be published on how to deliver the plan or how much money each school will receive. We will update parents and carers on our plans when the guidance is released, and the funding has been allocated.

### **Pupil transitions at the end of the school year**

We know that many parents are eager for their children to return to school and are rightly concerned about the impact on their children's education and progress having missed so much time in the classroom. All schools agree that children should progress to their next year group, as they would have done, when they start school in September. Our primary focus next year will be to ensure that all pupils are given every opportunity to catch up with their learning.

### **School places for the rest of term**

The government has announced further easing of the lockdown measures which will apply from 4 July. These include the reduction of social distancing from 2 metres under certain circumstances. The latest government guidance is for all pupils to return to school in September and schools are not expected to welcome back additional children before then. Our main priority has been and will continue to be the safety and welfare of our school communities, we will therefore be continuing with the current arrangements in our schools for the remainder of the term.

Please note, our schools will be closing at the end of term on Friday 17 July and will not be open during the summer holidays. There will be a number of activities, not provided by schools, taking place throughout the summer and we pass on any information we receive regarding these.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support for our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school in the first instance. You can also contact Pathfinder directly by emailing [info@pmat.academy](mailto:info@pmat.academy).

Yours faithfully



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