

### **11 May 2020: ATLP response to last night's Ministerial speech**

Many of you will have seen last night's speech, by Boris Johnson, in which he outlines a number of stages, now that the virus appears to be past its peak. We know that as part of this, reference was made to education, albeit high level. It is important to recognise that the Prime Minister's words were heavily caveated and conditional: "If we as a nation begin to fulfil the conditions I have set out, then in the next few weeks and months, we may be able to go further. In step two at the earliest by June 1st after half term, we believe we may be in a position to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with reception, year 1 and year 6. Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays."

We recognise that this will be causing angst for children, pupils, parents and staff. At this time all schools are awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education which we are expecting later this week. It would be remiss of us to speculate on the detail but assure you that we will be in touch once we are in receipt of more information.

Whatever decisions we take in our schools, we will be guided by the advice at the time. We are committed to supporting all of our children, staff and parents at this difficult time.