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School reopening: letter to parents – all year groups

Dear parents/carers,

Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 pupils if the government thinks it's safe then.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We're creating a detailed action plan - precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

A blue poster from the HM Government titled 'CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE'. It includes the slogan 'STAY ALERT | CONTROL THE VIRUS | SAVE LIVES' and a list of precautions for when settings open to more pupils:

- organise classrooms and other learning environments, maintaining space between seats and desks
- refresh the timetable to reduce movement
- plan staggered break times, pick up times and drop off times
- remove unnecessary items such as soft furnishings and toys which are hard to clean

If your child is **clinically extremely vulnerable**, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations (attached) for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, we know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.



If your child needs to remain at home beyond 1st June, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and meal support for those eligible. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Helen Atherton p2362.admin@durhamlearning.net

Warm regards,



Ms V Hewison
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