



27th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Reopening of school to Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 from 1 June 2020

Hope you are enjoying half term and this lovely weather.

I am writing to inform you that I have received an email this morning from Durham County Council. After further guidance and information has come forward in the last few days, they are recommending 15th June as the date when schools should begin to broaden the numbers of pupils in schools. The reasons for this are the delay in Contact Tracing Implementation, publication of Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) papers and the infection data showing the North East as the highest in the country.

Durham County Council states, 'In the view of the SAGE report findings and because we wish to give the highest protection to staff, children and our wider communities, Durham County Council reiterates that it is not advising schools that they commence wider phased re-opening on 1st June.'

I am really sorry for any inconvenience and such short notice. We have been working so hard to get the school ready for our children and were really excited to see some of their faces. Unfortunately, we are unable to open on Monday 1st June. Our plans in the last letter will remain the same but just delayed until Monday 15th June.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we are told to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

We will continue to provide further updates.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Donna Lee
Head Teacher