

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you continue to keep well.

Yesterday the Government published initial guidance for the return of all year groups from September. This details an extensive range of measures that schools must take in order to be able to open for all pupils. We are currently in the process of working through this guidance with advice from Durham County Council Education and Health and Safety teams. I anticipate that this will take some time as there are a number of areas in which extensive planning needs to be undertaken. I will write to you again once I am in a position to provide a comprehensive update and plan for September.

For those continuing to learn from home, DB Primary pages will again be updated today with resources for next week. Mrs. Anderson and class teachers continue to oversee our home learning provision.

If you are struggling to access online learning then please contact school and we will support you as we are able. We would like all of our children to be accessing the work provided.

We have sent End of Year Reports to those children who are in school and their siblings. For those children not in school we will contact you over the next two weeks to send reports by email. This will be a gradual rolling process and will take the School Office staff some time. Please wait for the School Office to contact you.

As you will be aware, school has remained open for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable children since March and indeed throughout the Easter and half term holiday periods. The Government has issued the following with regard to summer holiday opening:

The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.

Many of our team have not had a break since February half term and, whilst I appreciate the difficulty for key worker parents in securing childcare, I must be

attentive to the wellbeing of the staff and therefore welcome the Government's announcement.

For updates, please continue to use the dedicated Coronavirus section of the School Website: <http://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-update/>

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tait