

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

The government has now published guidance on the potential reopening of schools, dependent on ongoing scientific assessments, for pupils in R, Y1 and Y6 commencing from the 1st June.

The guidance for parents is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

The guidance notes the difficulties of social distancing for children and indicates a number of steps schools must take to reduce the spread of the virus and reduce risks when they reopen to these year groups. The guidance says that the government believes that all children in these year groups should attend school if they are able to. However, this is not compulsory and no action will be taken and no fines will be issued to parents who decide they do not want their children to attend.

We are currently working on a recovery plan. As you can imagine, this requires meticulous planning. In order to do this, we need to estimate how many children will be attending school at the point of any potential reopening. This will influence decisions around staffing, health and safety and the placing of children in groups. At this stage I ask parents to inform school as soon as possible if they **will not** require a place from the 1st June should school reopen. Please use our email address: shincliffece@durhamlearning.net to respond. If you are not able to email, you can leave a message on the school phone. Once we know the likely numbers attending we will be in a position to share further details of our planning for reopening with parents.

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