

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying a restful holiday period.

I am writing to update you on the plans for a wider reopening of schools commencing on 1st June.

I have today received updated advice from Durham County Council advising against any wider reopening of schools before 15th June.

The advice notes that 'the publication of the SAGE papers, delay in Contact Tracing implementation, and infection rate data showing the North East as the highest in the country, do not provide the clear higher level assurances that DCC, school communities and parents have been seeking.' It continues: 'In an ever changing COVID-19 landscape DCC is aware that these changes can cause confusion for parents, school staff and governors. However, as a Council it is our responsibility to take account of all the evidence as it becomes available and act in the best interests of all.'

In light of this updated guidance, therefore, we will not be reopening to Year R and Year 1 week beginning 1st June and Year 6 week beginning 8th June. I will keep you updated as further information becomes available. I anticipate that this will be after half term.

School will remain open from 1st of June for the children of key workers. If you were due to take up a R, Y1 or Y6 place and are a designated key worker, then your child may still attend school and will be placed in the key worker group. Please email the School Office if this is the case.

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