

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

At current we have both the classroom and staffing capacity to continue with our plan to reopen to Y6 next week. We look forward to welcoming back those Y6 pupils who have requested a place on Monday. You will recall that in my previous update letters I informed parents that they should be aware that our plans **may be subject to change at short notice**. Requests for key worker places are increasing and the Government has instructed schools that they must prioritise school places for groups in the following order:

1. Key Workers
2. Reception
3. Year 1
4. Year 6

Therefore, if Key Worker places increase, in order to adhere to Government guidance and appropriate risk assessments we will have to withdraw the offer of Y6 places. I realise that this will be disappointing, but we must adhere to Government and LA guidance. The wellbeing of children, staff and the wider school community remains our overriding concern. Should it be necessary to withdraw Y6 places, then we will give you a week's notice of this. I feel that it is best to offer Y6 places, even if this ends up being only for a limited time as I know how important it is for those who return to mark the end of their primary school years. Year 6 pupils whose parents are designated as Key Workers will, of course, be able to continue to access places in the Key Worker group should the Y6 groups have to be withdrawn. I thank you for your continued support as we seek to implement the Government's directives in the context of our school.

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

