

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

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 have now increased to the extent that Y6 places will only be available until Friday 26th June. This is because, as I shared with you previously, 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

I wish I did not have to write this letter. I realise that families have had much change and uncertainty to contend with as schools have sought to implement Government guidance, which has itself been subject to frequent change. I must however, adhere to this guidance and appropriate risk assessments. Next week will, I hope, offer those Y6 pupils who have requested a place the opportunity to mark the end of their primary school years with at least some of their peers and teachers and in an environment that has been their educational home for the past 7 years. Transition and wellbeing will be the focus of our activities next week. Many schools have not been able to welcome Y6 back in any form. Whilst our situation is far from ideal, we do at least have the opportunity to offer closure and say goodbye. Online learning will continue for Y6 until the end of the school year.

Year 6 pupils whose parents have been designated as Key Workers will be able to continue to access places in the Key Worker provision. If you are in this group then please email the school with the days of the week you require from 29th June by noon on Monday 22nd June. I thank you once again for your continued support as we seek to implement the Government's directives in the context of our school.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tait