

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Today would have marked the beginning of the summer half term holidays. I hope our children enjoy a period of relaxation in whatever form they are able given current social distancing regulations. School remains open for the children of key workers during the holiday period.

We look forward to potentially welcoming back some further pupils after half term. We will keep you updated as and when we receive further information from the Government and Local Authority. We have received a number of questions about taking up places in R, Y1 and Y6 later in the summer term. We will need sufficient notice in order to plan for this. Therefore, after half term, we will request that parents contact us by 12 noon on the Wednesday before the Monday on which you wish to access a place. Please note that the School Office closes today and we are unable to accept any requests for places in the first week after half term.

Our DB Primary learning platform will be updated with additional class resources to support your children with their learning at home after the holiday period. As all available staff will be required to staff school for the children returning, it may not be your child's class teacher who updates home learning resources after half term. Mrs. Anderson will be leading our home learning provision. No further resources will be added during the holiday period.

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

Further information for parents of children potentially returning to school in June:

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Advice for Parents/Carers

- Parents/Carers must report to the school any symptoms of COVID 19 that their household may have.
- Where children or a member of their household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, they are to follow [the Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). **They must not attend school.** Parent/Carers are encouraged to access testing facilities available where symptoms are displayed.
- Children displaying symptoms will **not be** permitted into school until a [7/14-day isolation completed](#).
- Access to the school site will be controlled. Please follow the directions of school staff and the signage displayed.
- Children in Reception and Year 1 must be accompanied to school each morning by one adult. Y6 may walk unaccompanied if parents give permission.
- Please maintain social distancing when entering the school site and follow all appropriate direction and signage.
- The start of the school day has been staggered to allow controlled access into the school building by children. Please adhere strictly to the advised times.
- Parents/Carers are advised to leave the school site immediately after drop off and pick up.
- Parents/Carers are not permitted to enter the school building. Please email or telephone the School Office.
- Children will be met at the drop off area by a staff member.
- Children will store outdoor clothing and bags in designated area within each classroom.
- Those children with their own clearly named packed lunches and water bottles are to store them within a designated area of their allocated classroom.
- Children are supervised to wash their hands at the start of the school day. Children taught how to wash their hands by staff members. Children that need support to wash their hands are supported by a member of staff.
- Children are not permitted to wear a face covering or face mask within the school building.
- Parents/Carers are advised to ensure that children wash their hands when they arrive home from school.
- Parents/Carers are advised that children should attend school in clean clothes each day.
- Parents/Carers are advised that water bottles are to be thoroughly washed and lunch boxes wiped over with anti-bacterial spray when they arrive home.

Behaviour principles for returning to school during COVID-19

- We expect children to arrive and leave promptly in their designated time slot and follow social distancing routines for arrival and departure
- We expect children to following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- Children will only socialise with pupils in their 'bubble group' at school
- We expect children to move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)
- We expect children to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when sneezing/coughing, with tissues provided, children will be expected to avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Children will be expected to tell an adult immediately if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Children will have their own equipment including their own water bottles with no sharing permitted
- Children will play in their own 'bubble group' at breaks or play times with designated areas for play
- Children will only use toilets when instructed by teachers with only one person at a time accessing the toilet area
- We expect children to not cough or spit at or towards any other person
- We expect parents to support pupils at home about their child's conduct in relation to remote education and reinforcing online safety
- Children will receive rewards and sanctions as outlined in the main Behaviour Policy