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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Re-opening of Schools

I am sure that you, like myself, watched Boris Johnson's ministerial announcement last night. I am writing to ask all parents to bear with us during the next few weeks while we take advice and guidance on the best way forward for our school, our children, our families, our team and our community.

As you know we are already 'open' for children of key workers and are operating as a hub for Weardale, taking children from other primary schools in the Dale.

I would like to reassure you that under no circumstances will we be extending our provision until the Senior Leadership Team and Academy Council (Governing Body) are sure it is safe to do so.
The safety of our children and staff are paramount in any decision we take regarding extending our provision.

Over the next week, we will be considering government advice and guidance, advice from the DDMAT (Durham Diocese Multi-Academy Trust) which we joined on 1st April 2020 and we will be working closely with our Health and Safety Partners with regard to risk assessments to establish a Covid Safe environment.

As you can imagine, there are huge implications to the suggestion of re-opening our school even on a gradual and phased basis. We will not be rushed into any decision and will not proceed without fully consulting and sharing our planning with the Academy Council, our team of dedicated teachers and yourselves as parents. Please continue to monitor the website for any further Head Teacher updates.

Your sincerely

Mr S Myers
Head Teacher

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