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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Guidance

I am sure you all watched Boris Johnson's broadcast last night and heard how there may be some steps taken to open schools to more children in the coming weeks. I am sure you will have a number of questions surrounding this announcement, just as we have.

At the moment, for us in school, there is **no change to the guidance**. The safest place for everyone is at home, maintaining social distance from anyone who does not live in your household. The only children who may attend school are those who fall into a vulnerable category and those who have parents as key workers with no other childcare options.

We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups. We expect we will receive further information from the DfE shortly, hopefully with some clarification.

I am sure in the coming days we will hear more about this announcement from the Government, hopefully with some clarification. We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in schools and keep our children, staff and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this looks like. Please be assured there is no way we will reopen until we are 100% prepared.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now please try not to worry about possible 'what ifs'. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home via our home learning grids on Facebook and the 'Our Classes' section of the website, keep contact with our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

If you do have any questions, please send them to edmondsley@durhamlearning.net.

Please stay safe, stick to the rules and we will get through this.
Mrs Wilkinson

