

CASTLESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Good morning everyone,

I'm sure you, like ourselves, you are keen to know how things are going to progress over the coming weeks. I have been very cautious regarding releasing any details giving definitive timelines as the guidance has been changing on a daily basis. There have been many documents released by Government, Local Authority and Unions. The information in these documents frequently gives mixed messages. We need to do what's right for our little school!

Our overarching priority is the health and safety of the children, staff, parents and the wider community. We are currently working with all of the documentation and are developing risk assessments and protocols which will be continually reviewed over the coming weeks.

We will NOT be opening on 1st June. Due to the complexity of the situation and the importance of providing a safe working environment for both children and staff, we are planning an extraordinary meeting of the full Governing Body during the week beginning 1st June to scrutinize these risk assessments and discuss the health and safety issues around the wider opening of school. We feel that this is vital to ensure that a robust plan has been put in place.

I hope that you will appreciate that this is a matter of great importance which takes time. Any decisions made at this meeting will be communicated to parents as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide online learning for children working at home, resuming on 1st June. We really appreciate the support being given around this home learning. We have seen some amazing work.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

I hope you all have a lovely break over the coming week. It will be wonderful if the sun continues to shine.

Take care.

Best wishes,

Mrs Alison Spence and Castleside Primary School Governing Body