



26th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Today I Chaired a meeting with the Headteacher and Senior Leaders to discuss the timescale and factors associated with safely opening our school in line with the Government's COVID19 guidelines.

The Health and Safety of all the members of our school community has been the key element of our discussion and following detailed debate, with input from Government Guidance and Public Health the following have been agreed:

- Governors and the Senior Leadership Team require further information from the Government in relation to the five tests they have set in relation to COVID19. The Government assessment is a key condition which they set to bring more children into school. The next update on the five tests is not expected until Friday 29th May 2020.
- Governors need to ensure details from the Government announcement scheduled on the 29th May are fully understood, and appropriate steps have been taken to ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and the broader school community as a result of that announcement.
- Sunderland is in the unenviable position of having the highest number of infections per 100,000 residents and therefore we are waiting for the R number to decrease.
- The Governing Body will need to review our Risk Assessments again, week commencing the 1st June 2020 to ensure the school is compliant.
- Therefore, the school will not be open to Nursery and Reception until the **8th June 2020** and to Year 1 and Year 6 the following week **15th June 2020**.

I want to reassure all Key Workers that provision for your children and our vulnerable children will be maintained and will continue to be delivered.

I will write to you again outlining how we have planned and prepared to keep the whole school community as safe as possible, bearing in mind that we cannot guarantee social distancing with young children.

The decision we have taken today is under constant review and we will continue to be guided by advice from Government, Public Health and the Local Authority. On behalf of the Governing body I would like to thank you for your continuing support and thank our pupils and staff who have continued to work incredibly hard through these extremely difficult times.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darren Hubbard'.

Darren Hubbard
Chair of Governors