



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Delves Lane, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 7ES

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Woods

Tel: 01207 503984 Fax: 01207 588880 [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net)

## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Re: Possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may be able to reopen to more children on 1 June (at the earliest) to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it's safe to do so.

It's an extremely unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen next month.

We're creating a detailed action plan that we'll share with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we'll be taking include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

**If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school.** Please refer to [government guidance](#) Please read this carefully.

I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school. Parents will not be penalised at this time if they want to keep their children at home. When more children return to school, staff will follow the home learning timetables as much as possible with children. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance. This guidance might not be available until the end of May.

We'd like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn from home. We'll keep you updated once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen for other year groups.

If your child will remain at home beyond next month, we'll continue to support you and them with home learning, and support with meals for those eligible. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on. If you have any questions, please contact us by phone or email us at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net)

We have sent a survey to you via text message tonight to find out your views on schools opening to a larger group of pupils. We hope that you will all engage with this survey as it will be extremely helpful to hear your views. Please can you respond by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4p.m. We would like to reassure you that any decision made about when to open up our school to more pupils, will be made when we receive very clear guidance and procedures to follow which will ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

I would like to offer my sympathies to any families that have been touched by this horrendous virus. If we can help in any way, please get in touch.

Thank you as ever for your continued support. We will be in touch with further update soon.

Stay safe,  
Mrs Woods  
**Head Teacher**