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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe during these unprecedented times. I am sure that many of you are now trying to make sense of the Prime Minister's statement last night, and you will have many questions to which you require clear answers. Rest assured, we, as a school, have as many questions as you do.

At the minute, there is no change to the guidance. We will provide care for children of parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only for those who cannot be safely cared for at home.

We are awaiting further guidance from the Government (Department for Education) in what this means to us, in terms of a phased re-opening of the building for key year groups. There is as yet no detail, but I will share the plans with you in the coming days or weeks, as they are made clear to us.

However, I need to reassure you all that we will not have any phased return to school until it is deemed safe to do so. We are currently working with our Newcastle schools and the local authority to discuss next steps for all of us in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we will continue to set daily tasks on Class Dojo and Seesaw for all of our children – learning packs will continue to be delivered to some families. We continue to contact by telephone all families on a regular basis and have begun to coordinate class 'conference' sessions for children to meet up with their friends in a virtual way. Additional website links are on the school website, which also features a slideshow from all of us to you to wish you all well.

Take care of each other and stay safe. We miss you all very much and cannot wait to see you all again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mullarkey