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Dear parents and carers

Following the recent government announcement regarding a phased return to school for some pupils, we have been working closely with Durham County Council to establish what is right for our school. The council is supporting all schools in the county, to establish a pattern and timeframe that works for them. They have provided a risk assessment, which is designed to put the health and safety of children first and ensure each school mitigates, to the best of their ability, risks associated with a phased return. With support from the council's team of dedicated staff, we have decided that the following approach best suits the needs of children and families at The Woodlands,

- As it stands according to Government recommendations only pupils in reception. Year 1 and Year 6 will be eligible to return
- There will be no changes to the current provision after half term at this time. Therefore, only pupils, **currently attending** will return after the break
- Week beginning June 1st senior leaders will be working closely with the Local Authority and following Government guidelines around the phased reopening of schools. At the end of this week, we will give parents and carers an update of our plans moving forward.

We hope that you all can appreciate the difficult position we are in trying to establish a safe learning environment that minimises potential risks. We want pupils back in school and learning again, but only when we feel it is safe to do so for all concerned.

Take care, and stay safe.

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