



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

11th May 2020

School Closure Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that after the Prime Minister's statement yesterday evening, you have lots of questions and are looking for clarity regarding the impact upon school. At this point we have not received any more detailed official guidance or information other than that which the Prime Minister shared in his speech.

At this time there is **no change to the school guidance**. The academy is currently closed, however we will arrange care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those that cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still very clear: **it is safer to stay at home**.

We have not received any information to support us with this new plan to start the phased reopening of some year groups and expect that more will be communicated to us in the next couple of days.

I am sure I don't need to say that every member of Gentleshaw staff would like nothing better than to be back in school with all of our fantastic children. However, we need clear guidance to plan how we can do so safely; keeping your children, the adults in school and our families safe is of paramount importance.

Please be assured that we will be making plans guided by government advice and will not reopen until we are instructed and 100% prepared.

As always, we will do our best to keep you as up to date as possible. Our immediate plan is to continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Kindest Regards

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Headteacher