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The Federation of George Betts and Shireland Hall Primary Academies

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure after the Prime Minister's statement last night, you have lots of questions. We have lots of questions that need clarification too. At the moment, for us in school, there is **no change to the guidance**. We will still offer places to some pupils however the message is still that 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. We expect that we will receive further information from the Department for Education shortly, hopefully with some clarification.

We will need clear guidance to plan how it is possible to social distance in school and keep our children, teachers and families safe; how we might start to phase groups of children returning and what this will look like. Please be assured that there is no way we will reopen until we are 100% prepared. We are also currently working with The Elliot Foundation (our multi-academy trust) to ensure that school is safe before we reopen.

As always, we will keep you informed but for now, please try not to worry. Our plan for now is to continue to provide activities for learning at home, keep contact with you. our families, and continue to support each other in these very difficult and uncertain times.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr A Shephard

Executive Principal



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