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DELAY TO SCHOOL REOPENING FOLLOWING DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFING

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Dear Parents,

As you will know from previous communications, we have been planning to open school to more pupils from Monday 1st June, however this was always subject to change.

In the light of the most recent SAGE report, the delay in contact tracing implementation, and infection rate data showing the North East as the highest in the country, Durham County Council (DCC) issued a briefing update at 9:30am yesterday:

'In view of the SAGE report findings and because we wish to give the highest protection to staff, children and our wider communities DCC reiterates that it is not advising schools that they commence wider phased opening on the 1st June. The position of vulnerable and key worker children remains the same.'

Tudhoe Learning Trust have decided to follow DCC guidance and consequently we will not be reopening our school as planned on the 1st June to ensure the continued safety of our children. We will however be providing childcare for vulnerable and key worker children in the same manner that we have for the last 10 weeks.

In terms of when school will now reopen, DCC states, *'Government guidance now indicates that secondary schools should start to reintegrate Y10 and Y12 pupils from the 15th June and based upon current information available to us, we believe this is a more realistic timeline for all schools to work towards for expanding their numbers, subject to government scientific advice and individual school risk assessments.'*

15th June is now our next target date for opening, however, this is again subject to change.

We will be planning for reopening from 15th June to those eligible children and based upon your earlier responses that you wished your child to return to school when possible. Your child has an allocated place unless you advise us differently. As usual, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes on a weekly basis.

We realise that these are very stressful times, with constantly changing guidance and social media scaremongering, but we really appreciate your understanding and support. Our priority has always been the safety of our children, staff and our local community and any decisions we make going forward will be based upon the most current advice available.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will provide further updates as soon as we receive them.

Kind regards,
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