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Dear Parents and Carers

Thornton Primary School - Temporary School Closure Update

Firstly, I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones well and continuing to follow all government guidance to ensure you all stay safe.

I am sure you will have seen or heard the messages that the Prime Minister gave on Sunday evening about the next phase of lockdown. As you will understand from the announcements made, at the moment **there is no change in the guidance for schools**. We will continue to provide childcare for those Key Worker parents whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response and only those who cannot be safely cared for at home: this is being done in collaboration with Sladefield Infant School. However, please note that the message is still that it is **safer to stay at home**.

The Prime Minister referred to the fact that it might be possible from Monday 1st June for Year 6 pupils to return to school. As soon as I receive further advice from the government and Local Authority about this phased reopening, I will update you. This will hopefully make it clear what happens next for our school and your children.

In the meantime, please remember that nothing has changed in terms of following all government guidance to ensure you and your family stay safe.

Further information will be provided as soon as I am able to do so, but in the meantime please try not to worry. School staff will continue to make welfare telephone calls home at least fortnightly, provide activities for home learning weekly and, as a school community, we will all continue to support each other in these difficult and uncertain times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cathy Grace
Interim Headteacher

