



## Montalbo Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing once more to update you on the phased reopening of school. This morning we received an email stating the position of Durham County Council in regard to the safe reopening of schools from the June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Having taken into account the report from the government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the delay in contact tracing implementation and the infection rate in the North East as the highest in the country, Durham County Council is **not** advising that schools commence the wider phased reopening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They believe that they have not been provided with the clear higher-level assurances parents, school communities and Durham County Council have been seeking.

Durham County Council believe that a more realistic timeline for all schools to work towards expanding their numbers is 15<sup>th</sup> June, subject to Government scientific advice and individual school risk assessments.

We apologise for the disruption this may cause parents/carers but feel we must follow the Local Authority's advice. This is to ensure the highest protection to children, staff and the wider community.

Therefore, we will revert back to the arrangements that have been in place since the 'school closures' were announced, providing childcare for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable families. We can, therefore, reopen school for these children on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 7.45am-4.30pm.

We will write again before June 15<sup>th</sup> with more information, and as we mentioned on the previous letter, the guidance is continually being reviewed.

Yours sincerely

Mr Minikin  
Head Teacher

Mrs O'Doherty  
Chair of Governors