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Dear Parent or Carer

The Department for Education has issued guidance on the phased re-opening of schools in England, starting on 1 June 2020 at the earliest.

The actual re-opening date for Smestow School is yet to be confirmed. We expect to be able to clarify by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June how Year 10 and Year 12 students are expected to return to school in the first wave. At this point, we will contact you again as to whether it is your intention to send your child back to school.

Smestow School remains open for vulnerable children and children of key workers. All other pupils will continue remote learning from home until the next phase in the lifting of restrictions. If you require a place for your child as you return to work please email [keyworker@smestow.org](mailto:keyworker@smestow.org).

We will notify parents and carers as soon as the DfE instructions become clear. In the meantime, we are keen to reassure families of the diligence with which Smestow School is implementing the detailed guidance provided by the Department on social distancing, safeguarding and the continuance of educational provision under these challenging conditions. The Trust have commissioned a Health and Safety company to assess our plans and ensure all control methods are in place which was completed on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

When school does re-open, please anticipate that arrangements will be different from those that the children experienced prior to the current closure period.

I would like to reassure you again that the safety of your children, the staff and the wider community is of the highest importance to us. I hope you have a safe and happy half term.

Yours faithfully,

D. Smith  
Interim Head of School