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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure after the Prime Minister's statement yesterday evening you will have lots of questions while you try to work out what this might mean for your family and how we might ensure a safe reopening of school.

Even as school leaders, we receive details and updates at the exact same time as yourselves. We are anticipating further detail from the DfE shortly to outline exactly how this will work for schools and their expectations of social distancing measures. We need to ensure school is a safe place to return to for children, staff and families. We will keep you informed of any new information as soon as we can.

Until then, the guidance remains unchanged. We will provide care for those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and only those who cannot be safely cared for at home. The message is still that it is safer to stay at home.

On a weekly basis, I contact the keyworkers to check on their childcare requirements. If you do not receive these emails and believe you maybe now classed as a keyworker and therefore may require childcare provision in school, please email the school office:
office@dunswellacademy.co.uk.

Of course, the Prime Minister's proposed steps out of lockdown are all dependent on infection rates staying low and might be changed if this is not the case.

I understand that the next few weeks are going to cause further anxiety for you all and we will try and give you further clarity as soon as we are able to whilst giving you the chance to voice your concerns. I know there will be many points of view to consider.

Until then, take care and stay well.

Kindest Regards

Alison Oxtoby
Head of School.