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Dear Parent/Carer,

In line with the Government's recommendations, we are making plans for the full reopening of the school in September.

I would like to reassure you all steps have been taken to ensure the continued safety of the children. The school's risk assessment has been reviewed and Covid-19 secure measures will remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission. Children will continue to be organised in 'bubbles' and encouraged to keep their distance from each other and staff where possible. This is alongside protective measures such as regular cleaning and handwashing.

Who will be teaching my child in September?

In order for the children to 'catch up quickly' next term, I have appointed an additional member of staff in KS2. Mr. Cowey will be joining Miss Bailey in class four. Children in years three to six will be taught in ability groups for maths and English every morning.

To cover Mrs. Morris' maternity leave, Miss Cameron has been employed to teach class one alongside Mr. Hay.

Miss Reed-Robinson will teach class five, alongside Mrs. Brown. We have been asked to support Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School and help staff prepare for their impending Ofsted. Mrs. Cunliffe will be responsible for managing the day to day running of Middleton school and I will be the shared headteacher – working between both sites. Mrs. Laura Smith will be acting deputy head teacher in Mrs. Cunliffe's absence.

What safety measures are in place for arriving and leaving school?

Key stage one children will arrive and leave school using the Reception gate. Key stage two children will arrive and leave using the main gate. This will ensure crowding is minimised.

Will children gather in large groups?

In the interest of health and safety, lunches will be served and eaten in classrooms. Whole school assemblies, trips and sporting fixtures have been cancelled until further notice.

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

J. Hodgson

