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Dear colleague

## **Letter to Schools and Providers Regarding 'Future Shape: education' and also the Government's Announcement**

I hope you managed to stay safe over the Bank Holiday weekend whilst also enjoying some of the better weather.

By now you will have heard the Government's announcement regarding some school year groups possibly beginning to return from 1 June 2020 if certain conditions are met. The Prime Minister announced that,

*"In step two – **at the earliest by June 1 – after half term** – we believe we may be in a position to begin the phased reopening of shops and to get primary pupils back into schools, in stages, beginning with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.*

*"Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays. And we will shortly be setting out detailed guidance on how to make it work in schools and shops and on transport."*

This means that it is only the children who are currently eligible to attend school should do so until the Government announces otherwise. The children who are currently eligible to attend schools are:

- key worker children
- Children who are identified as being vulnerable according to the definitions circulated by both the Government and Derbyshire County Council.

We still await comprehensive Government guidance since many factors are interrelated, such as any refreshed national guidance about workplace PPE/transport/social distancing/ tracking and tracing etc. All of this guidance is required before we can relate that to schools and learning providers. Once the Government's guidance has been published, Derbyshire County Council will review this and liaise with the DfE and other agencies before we issue more detailed information.

In addition, the different 'Future Shape: education' sub-groups will build the Government's guidance into their thinking. Details of this Board's membership and the sub-groups are

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published on SchoolsNet and along with whom to contact should you wish to be involved in the county-wide planning. Alternatively, please contact Saranjit Shetra, Paula Williams or me if you wish to be involved in any of the sub-groups.

Yours sincerely

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