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Dear Parents/Carers,

From last Friday through to yesterday, there has been no shortage of announcements: from all children returning in September to the apparent reduction in the 2m social distancing guidance. **Announcements we have, but detailed guidance we don't.** Guidance for the "wider wider opening" from September is due in the next week or so. Any application of Tuesday's announcements about the relaxing of lockdown and social distancing measures, **as they apply to schools and childcare settings**, has yet to be announced. I know and appreciate that parents /carers are awaiting information.

We are working with guidance that has been issued since March. Some of that guidance is, now, ironically quite old but still operative. **We continue, on your behalf, to seek clarification from Learn Sheffield, the DfE and the government about which pieces of guidance continue and which are being modified in relation to this week's announcements.**

All of that said, COVID-19 is still very much with us. While I'm sure you, like me, will welcome the additional freedoms announced, and the ability to meet with family and friends not seen for some time; in our school, we must remain vigilant. **Personal hygiene, social distancing and preserving social bubbles, are all key parts of managing and keeping the pandemic at bay.** I know you know that, but, in the midst of this week's headlines about measures relaxing, it doesn't do any harm to remind ourselves of the task that still remains.

So once again, you know as much as I do. As during the Lockdown and wider reopening of schools we will endeavour to provide you with information as soon as it is made available.

Kind regards

Val Sian