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To Hillcrest Families Parents and Carers,

In response to the recent central government changes in guidance I felt it necessary to share my thoughts as the Chair of the governing body for Hillcrest Special School.

It is indeed a very worrying time, some of our families will have been under great stress over the past 7 to 8 weeks. Having our children at home 24 hours a day 7 days a week where we are expected to be an awesome parent, Carer, entertainer, teacher and friend, not mentioning chief cook and bottle washer, I can only imagine how challenging it might have been for you. Rest assured, I am totally confident that you are all doing a great job for your children and community by continuing to commit to staying at home until there is a clear message of guaranteed safety before you allow your children to return to school.

The Covid-19 reproduction rate in the North East is at the moment, as highlighted in Parliament on Monday, slightly higher than any other part of the country and as such we in Northumberland remain at high risk of contracting the virus through direct contact with others. Unfortunately, Hillcrest does not have the building space to accommodate all 93 pupils whilst maintaining the Covid safe 2m rule of social distancing. I would urge every one of our families to keep your children safe at home, if you can, to ensure your wider family's safety until we are in a situation where the risk of infection is significantly reduced.

We desperately want Hillcrest's children back to the normality of their school day, however we are not there yet and the safest place for your child and your family group is at home with you.

Please stay safe, stay at home and look after your loved ones. We will keep supporting you all from a safe distance and as soon as it is safe to do so, we will be working hard to get all our children back in school with us safe and healthy.

If any one of our families wish to share their thoughts concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to email, (address given below), and I promise I will read and respond as best as I am able to each and every one of you.

Thank you, take care.  
Kindest regards

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