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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you are aware by now, after hearing the announcement made by the Prime Minister yesterday evening, the decision has been made by the government to enter a national lockdown beginning from today. It is with a heavy heart that we go into this situation but rest assured we will do all we can to sort things out effectively for you and your children in the coming weeks. My staff and I will remain on site and in contact via telephone or email. We will continue to work with other agencies to offer guidance and support where we can so please do contact us if you feel we can help. I understand the services we provided during the first lockdown were greatly appreciated by many of you and we aim to repeat that this time too.

You will appreciate that this is a very fast moving situation and I am today finalising how this will look for us. I will be in touch over the coming days as and when I have further information to share.

What I can tell you so far is this:

- New Delaval Primary School will be open from today to children of critical workers and vulnerable children only.
- Children attending school should continue to arrive and leave at their usual time and wear school uniform.
- I would ask that if your child is poorly, unable to attend or you no longer need them to come into school you let us know via email or telephone on the first morning of absence.
- All other children will have daily home learning set by teachers online using School 360 and should not attend school at this time.
- Please contact school if your child is struggling with accessing this learning.
- Provision of Meals - At this time, our kitchen will provide a hot meal for any child who requests one. Children may continue to bring a packed lunch if that is preferred. Payment for lunch should be made in the usual way.
- I anticipate that any child eligible for Free School meals not attending school will be issued with a meal voucher through the HUGGG system. We used this system during the Christmas holiday and understand it worked very well. I will confirm this and share further information on vouchers when I have it.
- Key Worker and Vulnerable children eligible for FSM who are in school will continue to have a lunch provided by the kitchen therefore these parents will not therefore receive a voucher.

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I understand that this has all happened at the last minute and I would like to reassure families that for the pupils returning to school as vulnerable or children of critical workers, our risk assessments are robust and we will be following government guidelines in order to open as safely as possible.

Thank you for your patience in these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "DT Worrall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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