



Hillside Specialist School & College

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last week I wrote to you to confirm our plans to increase our school placements available to vulnerable pupils by focusing on Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, as per Government guidance. I highlighted that many Local Authorities had chosen to delay the date of any phased reopening, but that Lancashire had not yet made that decision. Late yesterday, all schools were informed that the LA advice was **not** to increase pupil numbers in these year groups until further notice. Further information on this decision can be found on the Lancashire County Council website.

After discussing this with my Chair of Governors and reviewing the risk assessment and plans we have in place, we have received further advice and decided that we will continue to support the additional pupils who have been offered places, due to the vulnerability and complex needs of our pupils and families at Hillside. Any future additional places will continue to be offered on an individual risk assessment basis, in line with Government and Local Authority guidance. Places will remain limited until further information and approval is provided from the LA on any additional year groups returning to school.

I will write to you again if there are any further developments that impact on our decision as clearly the implications of the sudden reduction in pupil places in mainstream school may have an impact on our own staff and their availability, if child care becomes an issue.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Paul Leaper - Headteacher

