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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re: End of year activities**

Firstly, we want to say thank you to all students, parents, and carers for all of the effort, work and sacrifices you have all made as we come to the end of what has been the most extraordinary year in schools.

The government has given Early Years Settings, Schools and Further Education establishments, specific guidance in relation to end of year activities such as transition days, sports days, leavers events and other activities that usually precede the end of the school year. Where these are able to go ahead, the guidelines will ensure these are well organised events underpinned by a thorough risk assessment and in line with a range of other measures already in place within the school to make it as Covid secure as possible.

As Director of Public Health and Head of Education we also want to stress that while we are happy that school events are able to go ahead in a Covid secure way, we would like to urge that where they are not able to go ahead, please do not be tempted to arrange something unofficial to fill the gap. We are already seeing cases rise as society opens back up and mixing is reintroduced. It's important that we follow the current government guidelines for mixing (rule of six indoors or 30 outdoors), so that we can enter Step 4 of the roadmap on the 19 July. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

In the meantime, please remember that meeting outdoors is still a safer option and we would also urge all parents / carers to continue to participate in twice weekly testing.

### **Vaccinations**

We are encouraging everyone over the age of 18 to take up the offer of having the Covid-19 vaccination as soon as possible. Please visit the DCC website for further information on how to book an appointment, additional pop up clinics across the County as well as helpful videos on a range of vaccine related questions.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/covid19vaccinations>

### **Adults and Health Services (AHS)**

Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UG

Main Telephone 03000 260000

**Text messaging service: 07797870192 – please start your message with the word INFO**

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Jane Robinson, Director

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We appreciate your ongoing support which is helping to keep our schools open.

Yours faithfully



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