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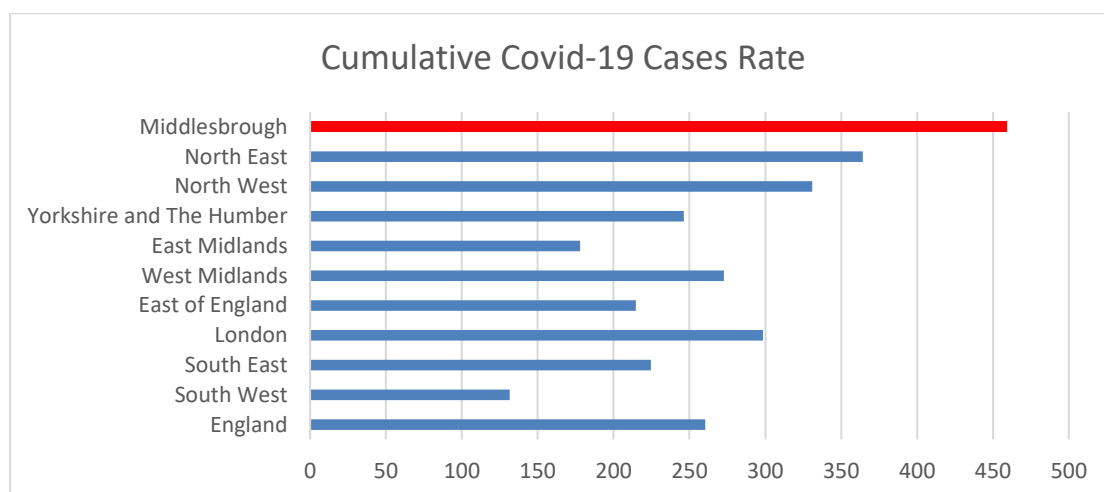
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Planned Return to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope this finds you safe and well. Thank you for your return to school information, your comments and support.

This week we have held a number of meetings with the mayor, local authority and other head teachers regarding the Middlesbrough position on opening the school to more pupils. Our local Authority have told us that any decisions schools make about the wider reopening, should be based on local infection rates, staffing factors and that schools are equipped with the necessary resources. We are making the necessary arrangements for staffing and resources and are currently reviewing our Risk Assessments. The local data is our major concern for children and staff.



The graph above illustrates the Covid-19 case rates per 100,000 resident population. As you can see the North East has the worst rates in the country and Middlesbrough has a significantly higher rate than most in the North East and almost double the National Average. We believe the rates for TS5 are concerning. With that in mind, we have worked with other schools in our locality to make the following decisions towards a consistent, staged approach to the wider reopening across our settings.

8th June - Y6 children return to school

15th June - Y1 children return to school and we will review the potential provision for Reception children.

22nd June - Potentially, Reception children return to school.

The return will happen only if the local infection rate has reduced and the government's 5 tests are met. We will closely monitor on a weekly basis the local infection rates provided by the Local Authority and Public Health England and change our approach accordingly if needed.

I do realise that this change will mean many of you having to revise your plans and situations. **We feel the need to take a cautious approach to reopening to wider year groups.** We will continue to plan using the information you have given us and we will keep you informed as soon as we can of any local or national developments. **This is a fast-moving situation and please be aware that these plans may change again before the planned opening date depending on the data and guidance we receive. Please check our website and Twitter regularly for up-to-date information.**

We remain open throughout for those groups of children currently attending.

Information regarding specific year groups and their return will be sent nearer the time to those who have confirmed they wish to take up the offer of a place.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Thorpe

