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Subject: [FROM NATASHA] Call list ahead of Cabinet

Matt,

I understand at Quad earlier in the week it was agreed that the four Quad ministers would ring round colleagues ahead of the Cabinet meeting at 1215.

You have been asked to make calls to the six below. A script has been provided, and obviously you have the paper itself. To note, other ministers will **not** have seen the paper and a copy is **not** being provided ahead of Cabinet. Instead, there will be a summary paper shared ahead of COBR.

Health Sec

Therese Coffey - *DWP*
Gavin Williamson - *Education*
George Eustice - *DEFRA*
Oliver Dowden - *DCMS*
Amanda Milling – *Chairman*
Rob Jenrick - *MHCLG*

Lines to take

- The PM has asked me to call you in advance of the Cabinet call later today where the PM will build on what Cabinet agreed a few days ago, to take stock publicly of where we are with coronavirus, and set out a roadmap for the months ahead.
- Following that call, the PM will have a similar conversation with leaders of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland at COBR to ensure that we have a four nations approach to our response.
- Part of the four nations approach is the flexibility to respond to the needs of particular parts of the UK and so the devolved administrations will take their own decisions in accordance with their devolved powers.
- The PM's televised address will be aired this evening so any content shared in this call or at Cabinet must not be shared more widely before then.
- **Is there is anything you would like me to pass on to the PM in advance of Cabinet?**

Summary of changes

Changes now

- We now need to stress that anyone who cannot work from home should be actively encouraged to go to work.
- People should avoid public transport if at all possible
- From this week people should take more outdoor exercise.
- But they must obey the rules on social distancing. To enforce those rules we will increase the fines for the small minority who break them.

Future changes

- In step 2, at the earliest by [June 1](#),
 - we may be able to get some pupils back into primary schools, in stages, beginning with reception, year 1 and year 6. Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays.
- In step 3, at the earliest by July
 - We hope to re-open at least some of the hospitality industry, provided they enforce social distancing.
- All of this is conditional, and depends on people continuing to follow social distancing rules, and on our Government sorting out PPE, quashing epidemics in care homes and the NHS and devising a robust test track and trace operation.
- We will impose quarantine on people coming in to this country by air.
- We will establish a new covid alert system to determine how tough we need to be in our social distancing measures.

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