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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas and made the most of the time together and within the Covid-19 restrictions that we are all living with.

I am sure you have all been watching the news closely around the current Covid-19 situation. The Government has announced that most primary schools will re-open as planned at the start of term with the exception of some areas of the country where schools will re-open later, because of high rates of Covid-19 transmission. You may also be aware that teaching unions have been calling all teachers to withdraw from teaching whole classes on health & safety grounds. After discussions with staff today, we have decided to review this on a daily basis. Therefore, school will open to all pupils tomorrow as planned. Please note that this will be under daily review for the foreseeable future.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our school as safe as possible, and that work continues. The school has revised the risk assessment with teaching staff in light of latest guidance and rising Covid-19 cases in the local area. Further tightened measures include:

- We are restricting visitors to site including having no visiting music teachers for at least two weeks.
- Fewer staff moving between bubbles
- Staff to wear masks outside of the class bubbles around school

We are also asking that all parents and visitors wear masks if entering the school site (school gates) for any reasons including at the start and end of day. Staff will also wear masks when greeting and supervising the start and end of the day routines. We strongly recommend that children bring many warm layers, including a coat, as doors and windows will be open for ventilation. PE will take place outside so please send your child to school in warm tracksuit bottoms on those days.

You can view the latest Government guidance [here](#) and our risk assessment will be available on the School website shortly.

As you know the situation changes very quickly and we will do our best to let you know of changes to our plans as soon as possible. We also ask for your continued understanding as guidance and policy is often not communicated to us until late in the day and furthermore staff may not be available. Please ensure you get our Parentmail communications as this is where partial or full school closure will be first communicated.



I appreciate that this is very difficult time for everyone. I completely understand that some parents will be wondering what to do and are concerned by the number of cases we see in the news and our locality. With vaccinations on the horizon we do hope the situation will improve for us all soon. Ultimately the final decision lies with families regarding this and we ask you to inform us of any absence as normal. Teachers have provided home learning via TEAMS or email for those families who decide to remain at home.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Philip Smith
Headteacher

