

Dear Parents & Carers

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Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you managed to get some quality down time during this challenging period. Let's hope for some normality in the next few months.

Once again, I apologise for the very short notice regarding the Emergency Inset Day. I am so thankful for the many of you who were very understanding and supportive. Thank you!

As a result of the hard work from my staff, we will be open to all children tomorrow as per the text that was sent out. This may however be subject to change following the Prime Ministers announcement at 8pm tonight.

I will be very honest that my staff are feeling worried about a full return and I am sure many of you are. We have updated our risk assessments for the next few weeks and will try do everything we can to keep the school open. These have included the following to lessen movement around the school:

- No breakfast club
- Changes to our marking policy
- Closing school at 3:30 pm to the majority of staff
- Interventions on hold including our catch up programme
- Teachers & TAs to limit movement in the classroom
- Reduced ELSA & Pastoral support
- Children to limit items they bring in unless necessary e.g. rucksacks

Children will remain in bubbles as before with the same measures in place and will continue not to wear face coverings. They will not be expected to maintain social distancing in their bubbles as before.

**NB:** Please can all parents and carers continue to wear a face covering at the gates and maintain social distancing. This is very important.

**Sending my child in:** I completely understand and empathise if you are very worried about sending your child in. If you decide not to send him or her in then I will be very sympathetic. It will be marked as unauthorised however I will not be issuing fines. Remote learning will unfortunately not automatically be made available to them at this time as the school is currently open however I would encourage you to use our website links for some fantastic learning resources. [See the link.](#) I would highly recommend [Oak Academy.](#)

**Remote learning:** In the event of any changes made by the government for all primary schools to move to remote learning, or if I have to send a class or year group home as a result of not having cover for the class, places will be made available to critical worker and vulnerable children as identified by the government.

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Please see the [current list](#) for these children on the government website. Mrs Cantini will be sending a 'Forms Questionnaire' out. The remainder of the children will receive remote learning via TEAMS from the teacher for a minimum of 3 hours a day. Your teacher will agree times. Do also make use of the links I shared.

Critical Worker & Vulnerable children times will be **8:45am to 3pm daily** at their usual gates. Please maintain social distancing and wear a face covering at the gates. ***These times may change depending on numbers.***

This is an ever changing situation with often very little time to prepare and I do appreciate your patience.

Let's see what this evening's announcement brings with hopefully more time to make preparations!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rob Jones



Headteacher