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Dear Parents

Firstly, may I take the opportunity on behalf of my colleagues to wish you a Happy New Year. We do hope that you had a restful break and were able to make the most of the Christmas celebrations during what will have been a very strange time for many of you.

I know that there has been a lot in the news about children returning to school so I therefore wanted to take the time to write to you today and give you some reassurance on the current situation and the re-opening of our school tomorrow.

As I have said all along, we make our decisions based on the latest advice and scientific information available to us. As such I can confirm that at the time of writing this letter, we will be open tomorrow as previously planned. It is our wish that we want to be back in school and the classroom, supporting your children with their education.

Arrangements stay the same in such that if anyone in a household is displaying symptoms and/or is waiting the results of a Covid test, pupils **MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL**.

However, now that we are in Tier 3 we have updated our risk assessment and have made the following changes:

- **all parents and carers to wear a face mask at all times** whilst on school grounds. This includes drop off and collection times even if you are not entering the school buildings
- Pupils are allowed to bring/wear an additional (appropriate) jumper so that they can be warm whilst we ensure all classrooms are well ventilated

Please adhere to the start and finish times for your child's class, these times have not changed and are:

Class 1 arrive between 8:45 and 8:55	Finish school at 3:15pm
Class 2 arrive between 9:05 and 9:15	Finish school at 3:35pm
Class 3 arrive between 8:45 and 8:55	Finish school at 3:15pm
Class 4 arrive between 8:55 and 9:05	Finish school at 3:25pm
Class 5 arrive between 8:55 and 9:05	Finish school at 3:25pm

It is important that parents/carers keep socially distanced when dropping off and collecting pupils. Please can you also ensure your children are kept near you whilst waiting as we are trying to preserve

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class bubbles as much as possible. It is also important that parents and carers keep to guidelines about who their children can meet out of school.

Through working together, we can keep our children, our staff and our community as safe as it is possible to do. We have done this since march 2020 and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Kind regards

A Russell
Headteacher