



3 January 2021

Dear Parents,

School opening for Spring term 2021

Firstly a Happy New Year to you all, I hope you managed to have a lovely Christmas and a quiet New Year with the family.

The return of primary age children to school has been bought into question over the last few days due to the increasing rate of transmission of Covid 19 and due to the new, faster spreading strain of the virus. I thank you all for your patience on this matter, it certainly is an eleventh hour decision which of course effects all of your plans for the coming weeks.

I have been in discussion with our Union representative and with all staff and unless the Government makes the decision to close us, then I can confirm we will be open tomorrow to all pupils. I want to thank the staff for their outstanding commitment to the profession and to your children. I am sure you can appreciate that this is quite an ask of staff for their own families safety, as well as the responsibility we carry in trying to keep your families safe too.

There will be additional measures of safety that we will be putting in place, these will include:

- Adults wearing face masks and visors when moving around the school and when teaching within the 2 metre space, particularly our Teaching assistants.
- When within the 2 metre teaching box at the front of the class, it will be down to the teacher's preference if they remove the mask to teach. This will be based on how clearly they can communicate and their voice can be heard.
- All parents and adults to wear face masks when onsite including drop offs and pick ups
- Parents and all children to use the one way system when dropping or collecting the children.
- The children will have set spaces for this half term and the teacher will need to teach more lessons from the front of the class.
- Additional vigilance in hand sanitising and hand washing.
- All assemblies will be virtual.
- Boosters and catch up sessions will continue. This will continue for Year 6 tomorrow and will start for Years 3, 4 and 5 from Monday 11th January. These are the groups that started/continued from just before Christmas.

I will be emailing out on Monday to assess home provision and provision for keyworker and vulnerable families should we be asked at any point to go to online remote learning. Please return this to us so we can be prepared for the next stage if and when it happens.

Breakfast and JASPA will continue to operate and sessions booked as usual.

There may be times where we find it difficult to staff classes if teachers are needing to undertake a test or isolate. Mrs Cason and I will cover as much of this as we can to ensure classes stay open, but there may be times where we need to close classes or bubbles and move to remote learning for a short period of time. I know this will inconvenience families but I would just ask you to be understanding on this matter should it arise.

Finally, we need your support with this, if your child or anyone in your family shows any signs then please do keep them home and get tested and follow all guidance for the Tier in which we are in. Just as we are doing our very best to keep your children safe, I need your help to keep staff and other families safe too.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Walker

Headteacher

