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Update on School Opening on 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcements from the government last evening about the move to tier 4 and how this affects schools, I am writing to confirm that, as things currently stand, school will be open as planned for all pupils on the 4th January.

Updated government publications state that 1 in 3 people who have Coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it. It is key to remember: Hands, Face and Space.

- Hands – wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Face – for adults to wear a face covering when coming onto the school site. Currently there is no expectation for primary aged children to wear a face covering within school. The children travelling to school on the bus will continue to wear a face covering on the bus.
- Space – stay 2m apart from people you do not live with.

Please remember that if you or your children are showing symptoms of Coronavirus then stay at home, get a test and isolate until you get the result. Please inform school of this. If you have a negative test but still have symptoms you should stay at home until you feel well. You can stop isolating as long as:

- You are well.
- No one else in the household has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid 19.
- You have not been advised to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace.

If someone in your household has Covid 19 stay at home and self-isolate:

- Your isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's [symptoms](#) started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.
- If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19 yourself, you do not need a test. Only arrange a test if you develop COVID-19 symptoms or if you are asked to do so as part of a wider testing scheme. If for any reason you have a negative test result during your 10 day isolation period, you must continue to self-isolate. Even if you don't have symptoms, you could still pass the infection on to others. Stay at home for the full 10 days to avoid putting others at risk.
- If you develop symptoms while you are isolating, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#). If your test result is positive, follow the advice for people with COVID-19 to stay at home and start a further full 10 day isolation period. This begins when your symptoms started, regardless of where you are in your original 10 day isolation period. This means that your total isolation period will be longer than 10 days.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term in what are incredibly difficult circumstances for us all. Best wishes for the New Year and let us hope for an end to this pandemic and a return to some kind of normality as soon as possible.

King Regards
Mr R Allen
Headteacher

