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Dear Parent/Carer

Start of Term 3 – January 2021 - Update

As you may already be aware, over the course of this weekend the decision to reopen the majority of primary schools next week has been subject to intense speculation, with several leading trade unions pressing the government to reverse this decision due to concerns linked to the new variant of COVID-19 that is being spread around the country.

This morning the Prime Minister and the Department for Education have confirmed that primary schools should reopen next week as planned and so I am writing to confirm that we **will be reopening to all children as planned, on a full-time basis, from Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January remains an INSET day).**

In addition to the measures we have previously communicated, from next week we will be putting in place further additional measures to try and keep both adults and children as safe as they can be when in school.

There are also ways in which you can ensure that our school remains a safe place for children to attend:

Please arrive promptly at your child's drop-off/collection time. Do not arrive early and congregate by the gate, instead remaining in your car or timing your walk/cycle so that you arrive at the correct time

Please socially distance yourself from other adults and children whenever possible

We will continue to offer the hall in the mornings and afternoons as a drop-off/collection point facility for those who need it. However, we would like to limit the number of children in the hall as much as possible and so **we ask that you only send your child to the hall if you are unable to drop each of them off and collect them at the correct times for their year group. Please only use this service as a last resort**

Please continue to wear a face covering at all times when on the school site

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Only one adult should enter the foyer area next to the office and this should only be used for essential purposes. When entering the foyer area, please ensure you are wearing your face covering.

From Tuesday there will also be a change to how staff operate that you may wish to give your children advance notice of; all staff will now be wearing a face covering when moving around the school site. Staff are not being asked to wear a face covering when teaching in classrooms, however they will be allowed to do so should they wish to.

Lastly, I apologise that I could not provide more notice of these requests and changes to our practice before the start of term. I can assure you that we will continue to provide you with information on any further amendments to our practice as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns via the school office.

With thanks for your continued support and best wishes for the term ahead,

Rhys Buckley
Head Teacher