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Dear Parents / Carers

Opening of our School

I hope that you have all managed to enjoy some peace and goodwill this Christmas time. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope in time it will only get better!

Some of you will no doubt have seen the subject of schools being open or closed over the last few days in the media. Our position remains that we will follow the government and local authority's advice to remain open to all pupils whilst we are required to and have the staffing levels to adhere to safety measures and risk assessments in place. As has always been the case, should staffing levels drop below the safety levels we may need to partially or fully close. In this instance we will remain open for children classed as vulnerable and those of critical key workers as we would if schools are requested to close by the DFE in a lockdown measure. I hope that we can give you plenty of notice if we are to close, but as you are aware it is always a very fast moving situation at times.

All children should return to school tomorrow except children who have received a letter from the government, stating that they are classed as critically extremely vulnerable, these children now should shield under Tier 4 restrictions. Remote learning will be provided for these pupils. Members of their family who are not classed as critically extremely vulnerable should continue to attend school. Those who do not attend and are not shielding will not be authorized absence and we will not provide remote learning for these children.

We are following guidance and are taking all of the necessary precautions to make our school as safe as can possibly be at this time. Details of these measures can be found on our updated Covid19 Risk assessment. The most recent version is now live on our website should you wish to see it. We have also added a chart from the government, highlighting when what schools and year groups go back this term. All this information can be found under our Covid19 Information tab.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Ms Deborah Coggin
Headteacher

