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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have managed to have a restful Christmas break. I'm sure you will be aware through the media that there is present uncertainty regarding the provision of on-site education in primary, secondary and special schools nationally due to the increased transmissibility of the new strain of Covid-19.

To date, the government has stated that it is their expectation that, unless told otherwise (e.g. London boroughs), primary schools are to stay open. We have received no additional information from the government from that published by the media.

In light of the above, we have reviewed our risk assessment in terms of both pandemic control and staffing resource. It is our intention that, at present, the school will be open to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January. This will be reviewed on a day by day basis and we will, of course, inform you as soon as possible if the situation changes.

In addition to our previous measures of staggered starts/finishes, working in phase bubbles, hygiene and social rules within school we will be introducing the following measures:

1. Only one adult to accompany children onto site per family. If a family have more than 1 child the eldest child is to be dropped off/picked up first, following the one-way system.
2. No secondary school pupils to accompany adults escorting or picking up pupils onto school site.
3. Arrive no more than 2 minutes before your child's arrival or departure time.
4. Parents/carers **are not** to gather in groups outside school entrances.
5. As you are waiting to access the school site adults from different households must maintain social distancing.
6. One-way system to be introduced outside Year 1/2 block for dropping off and passing through to exit site.
7. Remain 2 metres distance from the school entrances.
8. Only brief messages to be passed onto staff at doorways. Messages for staff to be phoned or emailed into school.
9. If parents want to wear masks on school site they may do so.

Please be assured that the safety of the whole school community is paramount.
Thank you for your continued patience and support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Holt