

4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware from the media that schools across the country are in an uncertain position in regard to their operation in coming weeks. These uncertainties result from the increased COVID-19 infection rates, in particular the new variant, resulting in a greater risk to community health.

We would like to remain open for as many pupils as possible, in a way which protects both education and community health. Presently the government is asking all primary schools in our area to remain open for all pupils. With this in mind, we will be welcoming all pupils back into school on Tuesday 5 January 2021. We will continue to operate in year bubbles, maintaining the same adults working with the same children as much as is possible to deliver the full curriculum.

It is appreciated that uncertainty brings strain and concern to all those affected. It is, however, a reality of the current situation and your ongoing support and understanding is greatly appreciated. Whatever the decisions made at present, some will agree and others disagree, but please be assured we are doing our best to make the most informed decisions we can at any time, continuing to provide a quality education to your children.

We ask that parents please take note and adhere to the following further measures for re-opening:

- Only 1 parent/carer to swiftly drop off and collect their child each day. Ideally, all adults should wear a mask
- Reception remains closed. In an emergency, **any adult entering the building must wear a face covering**
- Opening times - gates will be opened at 8:35am and will close at 850am
- Closing times - gates will open at 3.10pm and close at 3.25pm
- Children will continue with the handwashing regime already in place
- Anybody who has been asked to self-isolate from their work place or their place of learning should **not** be dropping off and picking up

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the symptoms for Covid-19:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child is displaying any of these symptoms they should remain at home and a test should be requested. **Please do not send your child into school if they, or anyone in the household have any of these symptoms.**

We will continue to communicate with you frequently and in as timely a manner as is possible.

With best wishes to you all for good health in such difficult times. We all look forward to brighter times ahead and a more stable situation for the provision of education.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Crone', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Crone
Headteacher