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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely family Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Important- Please read the following.

I'm sure many of you are feeling anxious about the present coronavirus situation. We will be welcoming back the children on the 5th as planned. This decision has not been taken lightly and could be subject to change over the next few days if the Government and the DfE change their minds.

As a staff we are taking additional precautions and there will be some changes in school, but with the aim of keeping everything as 'normal' as possible for the children. However, a main change will be the number of visitors to school. We have music teachers, speech and language support, sports coaches etc. This will be stopped.

I have received a number of emails from parents who have very valid reasons for not sending their child back to school. No action will be taken re these absences and remote learning will be put in place. Please bear with us and we will email you with what can be done at home and also we will be posting work home.

We are reliant on the school community following the rules of Tier 4 to ensure we can keep all children and staff safe. If you or your child are suffering from symptoms of the virus, they should not be in school. You may wish to check your child's temperature in the morning, before leaving for school. If anyone is in isolation or has contracted the virus over the holidays/tested positive, it would be helpful to know this before the 5th please.

For those returning we would ask you to make sure that the children have their equipment in school for the first day back. For example, their named water bottle, PE Kit, lunch, pencil cases - so you do not need to make additional trips to school. Please make sure you are dropping off and collecting on time, so your child comes and goes with their bubble. The windows are slightly open in classrooms to ensure ventilation and this means some children near the windows can get cold. I would be happy for those children to wear an extra sweatshirt/fleece in class, even if it is non-uniform.

In addition, we will be making some adjustments to the curriculum to ensure we can stay on track in making up the gaps in the children's learning. Some subjects will be taught later on in the school year or at the end of this half term. We will be delivering additional math and English lessons in their place.

Breakfast and after school care remain in place. Sports Clubs will be cancelled for the next two



weeks and will be reviewed in due course.

Travelling by school transport – Please consider dropping your child off and collecting them from school where possible.

If you have any concerns you wish to discuss with me or your child's class teacher, please telephone or email. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Mrs Harkin
Head teacher

