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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I wish you all a Happy New Year! I think it would be fair to say that we are all hoping that 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic and a return to what we remember as normality. I also hope that you enjoyed a lovely Christmas despite the last-minute changes.

In light of the recent announcements made by the Government regarding school opening, I wanted to write to reassure you that **we will be opening as planned on Monday 4th January** along with all other Derby primary schools. That being said, we have to be prepared for last minute changes announced by the Government. We do not get information

any earlier than you so we just have to try and prepare for all eventualities which, as you can imagine, is very complicated.

As we are now in Tier 4, it is vital that you adhere to the guidance as set out by the Government. We will be reviewing our risk assessment to ensure that the environment is as safe as possible. As the number of cases is rising nationally, we would like to limit, as much as possible, any contact between families at drop off and collection times. With that in mind can I remind you of the following points:

- face coverings must be worn unless you are medically exempt whenever you are on the school site;
- only one adult per family should drop off and collect;
- you must leave school as quickly as possible and avoid contact with other adults as you enter or leave;
- wherever possible, messages should be passed on to class teachers or the office via ClassDojo;
- please do not send extra items from home into school (apart from packed lunches etc);
- if your child is unwell, particularly with any of the known Covid symptoms, you need to keep them at home and arrange for a test before they can return to school;
- follow the one-way systems where they are in operation;

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- keep younger siblings with you at all times whilst on the school site – please do not allow them to come into contact with other families while waiting on the playground;
- if we ask you to come and collect your child due to possible illness, you need to arrive as soon as possible, and your child will be in our family isolation room until you collect them.

We will still be operating in bubbles and will be guided by Public Health England if we have a positive case at any point.

I appreciate that you may be concerned about how safe a school environment can be, but we will continue to work hard to ensure that the risk of infection between children is minimised as much as possible. It is an expectation that all children will attend school unless there are any further developments or announcements by the Government. At this point, unless your child is unwell, an absence would be marked as unauthorised and no home learning can be provided.

Can I also ask that you inform the office of any changes to your contact details? We are at that point of the year where we might have to close the school or ask you to collect early due to snow, we will inform you by e-mail and ClassDojo if we do have to close.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children back in school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support and understanding as we work to respond to an ever-changing situation.

Kind regards



Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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