

31st December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the announcement by the government on Wednesday 30th December regarding schools reopening in the new year, I am writing to provide clarity on what this means for us.

Monday 4th January 2021 will be an emergency INSET Day to allow for all health and safety to be reviewed and revised due to being placed in Tier 4 and the soaring infection rates in our local area. **As from Tuesday 5th January 2021, school will be fully reopen for all students.**

We apologise for the short notice regarding the change for Monday however I am sure you will appreciate the necessity to get the new term off to the correct start and with the increasing infection rates with the new variant of COVID-19, we need to ensure the safety and wellbeing for both students and staff.

Due to the soaring infection rates in Bromley, the local authority has been placed into a specific Contingency Framework. Within this guidance, the government are stating that all students should be attending however they are also aware that some parents may not be willing to send their child into school whilst the infection rates are so high. If you wish to keep your child off whilst the Contingency Framework for Bromley is imposed then please notify the school ASAP. The framework is due to be reviewed once again on 18th January and we can update parents following this review.

We would also request that parents do not send their child into school if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 as you can appreciate with the soaring infection rates, we need to safeguard other students and staff at this challenging time. If you do decide to send them in even though they are exhibiting symptoms then they will not be allowed to enter the school and they will be sent home immediately. Whilst we are included in the Contingency Framework, if students are unable to follow COVID Safe Guidelines regarding behaviour then we will have no alternative but to insist on them working remotely until the Local Authority is removed from this framework.

I hope you see that we are trying to ensure safety is paramount for all children and their families and we hope you are supportive of our approach.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy New Year and good health.

Yours faithfully

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