



3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good start to the new year.

You will, I am sure, have been keeping track of the news over the last few days with regards to starting this new term. First, I would like to confirm that there is an INSET tomorrow (Monday 4th January) as planned; so no pupils in school.

At the time of writing, **the plan is to open school on Tuesday as previously indicated.** However, with the steep rise in COVID cases across the country because of the new variant of the virus, the government may announce further restrictions. It **may** mean that it will be necessary to keep the school closed to most pupils, except those of key workers and vulnerable children. If this happens, the rest of the school would move to remote learning.

I appreciate that this could cause challenges for you and your families and I will be working very closely with staff and governors during the INSET day to ensure you are kept informed. Our task remains the same to ensure the school continues to be the safe place we have developed over the last term.

I will write to you all again tomorrow afternoon to confirm school is open or to advise you of any changes. Hopefully, we will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Leach