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*Dream, Believe, Achieve.  
'Nothing will be impossible with God'*

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

### **Re: Return to school in January 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I do hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your family Christmas and we have loved seeing some of the festive activities you have shared with us. We are now looking forward to welcoming our families back after the holiday and write with further information in response to the government announcement this evening.

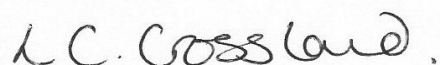
As I am sure you are aware, Nottinghamshire has now entered into Tier 4: Stay at home. However, the government have instructed primary schools to remain open in our area and we intend to do so with our children's best interests at heart; their safety being paramount in our decision making. If your child has received a 'shielding' letter at **anytime** during the pandemic, please contact your child's class teachers immediately, as the new guidance ('Guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID – 19' updated on December 24<sup>th</sup>) states they should not attend school, while we are in tier 4. **All other children should attend school as normal on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, all other routines will remain the same as before the Christmas holiday. The school will continue with the enhanced cleaning routines and Mrs Fletcher has already been in school preparing for our return. All staff will now wear a face covering (unless exempt) during hand over of pupils at the beginning and end of each day. We ask that parents and carers also wear a face covering during this time. I would also like to request that parents do not socialise on the field. I understand that this is a natural thing to do, but this is technically mixing of households, something the tier 4 restrictions state we should not do. Drop off and collection will remain via the field and we ask that you send children with appropriate footwear and clothing to ensure their comfort and safety.

As directed by the government guidelines, classrooms will continue to operate with the windows open to ensure good ventilation. The heating will continue to be on, but we anticipate this may make rooms cooler than normal. We suggest that you send children in additional base layers for their own comfort. We will continue to monitor this situation closely.

As before, if you find that your child develops any of the key symptoms of coronavirus; a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell, please keep them at home and arrange for them to have a test. If your child has come into contact with another person who subsequently tested positive, please inform school immediately for further advice. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further guidance if required.

Once again, thank you for your continued support during these ever changing times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L.C. Crossland," with a comma at the end. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lisa Crossland  
Head Teacher