



14th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and understanding through this difficult term. We are planning for a full re-opening on 4th January 2021 with all pupils returning to school.

We will be listening to Government guidance through the Christmas holidays. We hope our staff team will stay fit and well.

We may need to contact you at short notice if the situation for schools should change. Contact will be made via a parent text and follow up email on 3rd January. You will **only** receive a text if school cannot re-open fully and your child is affected. **If you do not receive a text assume school is open as normal.**

Term begins on Monday 4th January and Kent roads may be affected by delays due to Brexit. We have contacted transport providers in readiness. In the possible event that travel to school for some pupils will be very difficult for the first few days, we can re-institute Home Learning on an individual basis.

At the start of term staff will continue to wear visors and pupils are strongly encouraged to wear masks if they are able to do so.

For any unforeseen circumstances e.g. major travel disruption, snow, Covid outbreak, resulting in the need for school closure at short notice we will:

- Send a parent text
- Alert School Closures www.kentclosures.co.uk

If you are planning any travel abroad during the holidays, please would you inform your class team. Please be aware of any quarantine regulations on your return to the UK.

If your child becomes ill and tests positive for Covid within **6 days** of their last day of attendance at school this term, please inform us by telephoning **07976 535128**. **You do not need to call the school the sixth day.**

What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid

If your child develops symptoms of Covid, they must not come into school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Please inform school if your child becomes ill.

The most common symptoms of Covid are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

We hope the term will begin smoothly. We wish you a merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

With kind regards,