

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear parents,

Firstly, welcome to a New Year! I hope that you managed to have an enjoyable, if very different, Christmas this year?

I think we have all learnt to take change in our stride. Although times have not been easy, we look forward to working with you in 2021 with optimism, although this may be dashed by the Prime Minister's announcement later this evening.

Staff have been in school today for training and to prepare for our pupils' return tomorrow, as well as focus on any additional measures to safeguard all, following the DfE, medical, local authority and WeST advice and guidance.

Whilst there are some planned changes these mostly impact on pupils, during their school day, but in particular during play/lunch times and PE activities. We currently request that pupils do not change for PE as activities will be limited, and most can be achieved in school uniform, with the removal of ties (for KS2) and change of footwear for all. (The weather is too inclement to ask to wear PE kit to school on the day of PE.) Pupils will remain in their class bubbles, for the vast majority of time; should children wish to wear masks they may do so, either just in communal areas or at all times. (Should the latter be the case they must be able to maintain this, and not keep taking masks on and off, sharing or leaving them around - please take this into consideration.)

Like staff, you are probably anxious, however we have maintained a very safe environment, and will continue to adapt to the situation. Therefore, it is expected that all children return to school tomorrow, unless tonight's announcement provides differing rules and advice. It should be noted that school is only expected to provide home learning where there is:

- a national lockdown with school closure
- self-isolation
- or Bubble isolation.

Should parents choose for their child to remain at home, there is no expectation that additional home learning will be provided at this time. However, for any that do make this choice, some learning/homework/resources can be found on your child's class Dojo pages, and there are many online resources available, to access as well. Should a decision be made, tonight, (and schools only find out when the nation does), we will provide home learning for all, in line with planned topics, through Dojo.

We appreciate all the current uncertainties, and as usual schools are given very short notice to adapt. Whatever the decision, pupils' safety and well-being remains our priority and we will do all that we can to support you. We will update you as soon as we know more.

Best wishes

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