

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and had time to relax. Following announcements from the Government, we will be re-opening as planned on Tuesday 5th January (*INSET day on 4th Jan*).

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school and we have been working to develop further Tier 4 measures within the setting.

Prior to the Christmas break we were dealing with multiple positive COVID-19 cases which affected several groups. Throughout the time, we worked very closely with the Public Health Team to ensure our measures and responses were appropriate. I have attached a letter from their team advising parents/carers on an extended list of symptoms to look out for in young children. Please read this letter carefully.

I would also strongly encourage you to support the school by adhering closely to the Tier 4 restrictions now in place in our area and ensuring that if your child has any symptoms, please keep them at home and inform us swiftly.

There is a real potential for further cases within the community and further isolation of groups within school. I am very hopeful that the situation will be greatly improved with the arrival of more rapid testing methods throughout this term. I will send out any updates I receive with regards to this, as soon as I know more.

We are also as ready as every to deploy home learning to children or groups in isolation. I understand that it can be a challenge to support children at home with their learning but we are trying hard to reduce this as much as possible through our home-learning offer.

I know from first-hand experience how important it is to keep children in school to allow them to develop, not only academically, but in social and emotional ways too. We are committed to ensuring that children are happy, confident and working in a safe and rewarding environment.

Let's hope that 2021 brings back some normality into all parts of our lives but also into the school.



If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Mr C J Steele Headteacher

