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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on January 2021 School Opening

I very much hope that you have all enjoyed a safe and relaxing Christmas at home with your families. As we now approach the new year and the start of term next week, I would like to confirm that, as Suffolk is not currently in a Tier 4 school closure area, the school WILL be open as planned on Tuesday, 5th January for all children.

The school leadership team will continue to keep our Covid Risk Assessment under review and we will respond to any further guidance the government may issue in the coming days in time for the start of term. Please be assured that we will continue to do our very best to ensure that the school is as safe and welcoming an environment as it can possibly be for the return of staff and pupils next week.

It is largely due to the vigilance and support of our whole school community that we didn't have to close any bubbles during the Autumn Term and that there was minimum disruption to teaching through staff absence. This was not the case in many schools across the county. I would like to offer my grateful thanks to both the staff and all of our families for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

It seems though that the coming weeks will be a time for even greater caution and watchfulness. I would continue to encourage everyone to have great regard for the current Tier 4 restrictions in place and follow any government guidance regarding self-isolating or testing. It is of vital importance that we work together to keep our school open and safe during these next potentially tricky months.

Please also let me offer you further reassurance that we continue to have robust contingency plans in place for remote learning and the facility for keyworker childcare provision, should this be needed in the coming weeks. We will be contacting families next week to register with us in advance as critical workers so that our response to any possible future closures can be swift and smooth.

Much like you all, I am looking forward to a brighter 2021 with cautious optimism. I am confident that, with everyone working together, we can successfully navigate the coming weeks with our usual resilience and community spirit.

With warm regards

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Headteacher

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