

4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you have had a good Christmas and have enjoyed the break.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for writing to you on your child's first day back at school. The rise in Covid cases and our subsequent move to Tier 4, combined with the new variant of COVID 19, has led to concerns regarding the health and safety of both pupils and staff. I am sure that you are aware that this a national issue and many primary schools across the country are grappling with this, at such short notice.

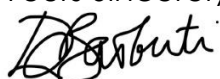
Over the weekend teaching staff received guidance from their professional associations strongly advising them not to attend work on Monday but to be available to cover key worker provision and provide remote learning. The NAHT (Head teachers' union) has initiated a legal challenge to the government's decision to reopen schools this week. Also, the NEU (England's largest teaching union) and UNISON (support staff) has advised its members of their "legal right" not to return to their classrooms amid serious health and safety fears regarding the current rate of infection of coronavirus. At the moment we are experiencing staff shortages but this is not due to union advice, but instead due to staff shielding or self-isolating, so please bear with us. I am sure that you will appreciate that the health and safety of our pupils and staff is of paramount importance and will always guide our decision making.

Robert Miles Infants will be fully open at this moment in time, however, we expect to receive further information and guidance into school this week and we will evaluate the situation on a daily basis. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as is possible.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Best wishes for a safe and more certain 2021

Yours Sincerely,



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Head of School