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Dear Families,

Happy New Year, I hope you had a good break and rest with your families. This letter is to confirm that **we will be open as planned to all children on Tuesday 5th January**. I am fully aware of what difficult times we are in, and that there will be many concerns and anxieties, particularly among media speculation. We are being advised by the government to fully open and that school is mandatory, and in the current situation we are fully risk assessed and supported by our governors, trust and LA to continue school education for the children.

I am sure you will appreciate that this situation is very fast moving, and we will respond to changes as they arise. This includes the potential of having to partially close, year groups for instance, in the event of staff absence or isolation. Please ensure you keep up to date with school communications as usual. If you choose to keep your child at home, we cannot guarantee full remote learning. We will be in touch in due course about this when we have more clarification.

As made explicit on the key worker email and questionnaire, for our information we are collating a list of key workers in the event of national closure.

We have made some extra amendments and measures in school to elevate our safety. All children and staff will continue to be in very strict bubbles and staff mask wearing will be mandatory in all indoor communal areas. I will be updating the risk assessment and making this available on our website imminently.

I would like to highlight that of course safety is paramount but that it is everyone's responsibility. All parents and carers on school site should be wearing a face covering and it is your responsibility to keep your social distance. We are very lucky to have a school site such as ours and I am confident there is enough space for people to move around safely at a distance. There should be no gatherings of any kind on the playground, and our staggered drop off and pick up facilitates this.

Thank you – for your continued support in challenging times,

Mrs Goakes
Headteacher