

Oyster Park Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take the time to wish you all a Happy New Year, I hope you have all had a safe Christmas period. You will now have heard much speculation within the media around schools reopening and especially around some schools within Tier 4 areas closing to most pupils. I can confirm that as of today there are no plans set out by the Government for us to close and we plan on reopening to **ALL** pupils on **Tuesday 5**th **January** unless stipulated otherwise, before then, by the Government. If there are any changes to these plans they will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

We will continue to operate additional safety measures in school. Some of which are; children will be remaining within their class bubbles, hand washing will take place frequently, the sharing of equipment will be limited, school will continue to operate a staggered opening from 8:45-9:15 and risk assessments will be reviewed continually (available on school website).

In order to support us in minimising the spread of the virus we ask you to continue to adhere to the following measures;

- Do not send your child to school if they have a temperature, continuous cough, loss of smell or taste.
- Only be on the school site for the shortest amount of time.
- Do not allow your children to play on the playground with children from other classes before and after school.
- Maintain 2m social distancing while you are on site (two shopping trolley lengths).
- ALL adults are encouraged to wear face coverings when on the school site. We ask this as we have a high volume of adults dropping off and want to keep everyone safe.
- Face covering are mandatory on entry to the office for all parents needing support from the office- staff reserve the right to refuse you entry without one.
- We ask that parents and children take a few extra minutes to use the one-way system and ensure a distance when entering and leaving site- it helps everyone.
- Be mindful of taking part in community activities outside of school, which may not support effective distancing and safety.

We also ask you to support us in ensuring children access Online Learning if at home self-isolating. Children have log on details for our online learning platform within their reading records and information leaflets are available on our school's website to support you with this. Please also ensure you have access to the 'My Child At School App'. This will support communication from school. If you are still having issues with the APP please contact the school office.

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I can assure you that we are doing all we can to ensure your children are happy and safe. Whilst some aspects are beyond our control I hope we can continue to work together to ensure your child receives access to their education through these uncertain times. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully, *T Chapman-Kemp*

Mrs J Chapman-Kemp, Headteacher