



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all.

I write to you today to outline the school's position on re-opening for the new school term. You would have read many articles or heard news reports on whether primary schools should remain closed or open. We get to know of the guidance, or the headline reports, at the same time as everyone else. I am aware that talks between the professional associations and the government are taking place today. It is hoped that a more comprehensive response and clearer advice will be forthcoming.

Unless the situation changes, Wiltshire is currently in Tier 3 and as such, it is expected that all primary age children return to school as normal. We have some families who live or work in a Tier 4 area and under the guidance it is permitted for them to travel to and from school.

We have had some requests from families who wish for their child to remain home. Under the guidance, this would be an unauthorised absence as the school remains open. Under these circumstances, online work will not be set. If schools are asked to close, it will not completely close because we will have to remain open for the children of key workers and those children who are classified as vulnerable. We updated our register of key worker families last term. If you need confirmation of your registration then please email a confirmation request to admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk. If you need to register because your circumstances have changed then you will need to request a form and provide evidence from your employer of your key worker status.

I know that the current situation is a worry for us all but I wish to reassure you that the school has re-emphasised its COVID-secure procedures and today the staff have had re-emphasised the need to continue the systems introduced last year.

As a school, we have introduced the drop off at both Sladesbrook and Berryfield entrances for pupils in Years 2 – 6. At drop off and pick up, can I please ask that as adults, you continue to wear face coverings and be aware of social distancing whilst on the school site.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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