



5 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carer

### **Update on lockdown January 2021**

First of all I would like to wish you a happy new year, I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

Following on from the recommendations from the government, it has been ordered by the government that all schools close from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Within these guidelines, they have requested that some schools stay open for pupils who are vulnerable and parents who are classed as key workers. Based on those recommendations, we will be remaining **partially open** for parents who wish their child to attend. However, in order to operate safely, we will have to continue with the systems of bubbles in order to limit the number of pupils and staff on site. We will also fully support those parents and families who choose for their child to remain at home during school closures, and understand the pressures on families in making difficult decisions to keep themselves and their families safe.

As a school, we will be part of the mass testing scheme. Pupils who are attending school will be tested Monday and Tuesdays (In relation with which bubble they are in). The whole staff team will be tested on Fridays. Further information will be sent out and a consent form will need to be completed for your child to have the test.

For pupils in Bubble A, we will be open on Monday and Wednesday only. Pupils in Bubble B, will be Tuesday and Thursday only. Bubbles will continue to have online learning on the days they are not in school and work packs will be provided. Online learning on Fridays will not begin until the testing process has been rolled out fully over the next two weeks and work packs will be provided in the interim. Like all schools, we do not know how long this recommendation will last, but we will update you as soon as we are given more information. We also recognise that this information could change at any time, and we will keep you updated as best we can with developments within school.

Furthermore, if your child has an underlying medical condition that could put them at increased risk of serious illness or complications from COVID – 19, please consult up to date government guidance in relation to shielding.





Due to the national lockdown situation, we will need to have firm boundaries in relation to some high-risk behaviours, such as children going off site into the community, spitting and high levels of physical aggression. In the instance that these behaviours occur, your child will need to move temporarily on to remote learning from home.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for our pupils and families. If you need any further support or advice, please contact the school.

Your Sincerely

**Mr S Pegrum**  
**Head of School**

