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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very aware that for many of you will have had a very different Christmas time to the one that you had planned but I do hope though at some time you have found some peace and joy despite the anxieties that we all continue to face. Some of you will have been in isolation or supporting family and friends with COVID and my thoughts and prayers go particularly to them and those looking after them. There are clear signs that 2021 is going to be better and my hope is that you and your families remain healthy, happy and safe.

You will be aware from the media that there are a number of issues surrounding the plans for children to return to school tomorrow. **Your child's academy will communicate to you directly arrangements for tomorrow.**

Although the position of the government remains that primary schools in our region should open tomorrow this may not be fully possible in all cases. In order to open Headteachers need to have the correct number of staff in school to teach the classes. Several of our Headteachers are indicating that staff availability will be reduced and therefore teaching will need to be done remotely for some children. Again, your child's academy will let you know if this is the case. Where this is the case, online or remote learning will be provided to the best of the academy's ability and the school leadership teams will inform parents as promptly as possible. This is a fast-moving situation and one that is likely to change through the coming days and weeks.

We recognise that this presents significant challenges for families but we have to be assured that the children coming into school will be always looked after safely.

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I can assure you that your child's Headteacher is working extremely hard to navigate the best route through this extremely challenging situation and will do everything they can to ensure that they can provide as safe and effective learning environment for as many children as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this very challenging period of our lives.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Burwood
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