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Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! Despite the last-minute changes to Christmas bubble allowances and moving from Tier 2 to Tier 3 to Tier 4 over the festive period, I hope you managed to enjoy a relaxing family break.

As you will no doubt be aware, the education system has been ever-present in the news in recent days, with secondary schools operating a staggered return as they establish testing systems and some primary schools being asked to close for a short period of time.

In Northamptonshire, though, primary schools are to remain open, so – for now at least – everything at Bliss will remain the same as it was in Terms 1-2.

If things change, please be assured that we have systems in place to provide home learning for a range of scenarios. Since September, we have already provided remote education for pupils awaiting test results, for children in self-isolation and for Class R when they were asked to learn at home for a fortnight. As well as these contingency arrangements, we are also prepared for whole-school remote education if this is required.

With school-aged children of my own, I fully understand there will be concerns regarding pupils returning to the classroom. However, I can assure you that the health and safety of our pupils – and the community we serve – is uppermost in our considerations. We have – as we do on a very regular basis – reviewed our risk assessment again today to ensure it is fully compliant with the protection and control measures given to schools by the Department for Education. To see the latest version of this document, please visit

www.bliss.northants.sch.uk/index.php/parents/full-re-opening-september-2020.

To support school staff in welcoming children back to the classroom, we ask parents/carers to ...

- Monitor your child's health (and the health of the whole household), looking out for symptoms of coronavirus, i.e. a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).
- Follow Government guidance if anyone in the family home develops coronavirus symptoms – visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection.
- Collect your child from school as soon as possible if you are informed they are unwell.
- Engage with NHS Test and Trace if required.
- Follow the Tier 4 rules.
- Reinforce the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene at home and before/after the school day.
- Help your child recognise a safe social distance.
- Access and engage with the remote education provided by the school if your child has to remain at home following clinical and/or public health advice.

Whilst there will undoubtedly still be coronavirus-related challenges ahead, the start of a new calendar year certainly offers us lots of hope and optimism for the future – here's to a fantastic 2021!

We look forward to seeing all the children return to school tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Mr S. Carter

Mr. S. Carter (Headteacher)



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CORONAVIRUS TIER 4

STAY AT HOME

gov.uk/coronavirus

You must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.	Hospitality closed, aside from sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.	Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted	Closed.	Closed (with limited exceptions)	Closed.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.	Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.	Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.	Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE
You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.	You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.	You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.	The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.



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