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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

You may have seen in the news over the past couple of days questioning whether primary schools should be returning to class for the new term. The return of all Secondary school pupils across the country has been delayed for two weeks, instead implementing a remote learning offer. This was to enable secondary schools to setup the lateral flow test in schools as well as reduce the risk of transmission of the new variant. The new variant, whilst has a higher transmission rate and has been suggested to spread more easily in children than previously, currently remains lower in our local area. There was, however, a u-turn by the government on Thursday to say that London primary schools and some areas with high transmission rates would not be returning and would instead be offering remote learning for those pupils.

The current position from the government is that we are expected to open to all pupils. I have been in contact with staff and, at the moment, we have enough staff to open the school to meet our needs, **therefore we will be open tomorrow**. Please remember to make sure the children have plenty of layers as the temperatures will be low and the classrooms need to be well ventilated.

I know that some of you will be pleased that we are able to remain open and others will be very anxious about your child's return. Rest assured **we will be** sensitive to the decision that you make.

During Boris Johnson's interview this morning, he hinted that there could be tougher restrictions to come, with the possibility of school closures and moving to remote learning. We will be in touch soon to determine who would need to be considered for keyworker places if these restrictions do ever come into place.

With very best wishes,

Kirsty Robson

