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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to all our parents and our children! Hope 2021 will bring us all good health, happiness and the hope of a better future. Wishing you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and have continued to remain safe and well. A big thank you to our parents for all the Christmas cards, the wonderful wishes and the generous gifts received for Christmas.

Sadly, you will already be aware, the developments with Covid have not all been positive over the festive break. As a result, in the borough of Walsall, along with over 75% of the country, we have found ourselves in a Tier 4 category. There has been much in the news of the rising number of deaths and the increased transmission rates, particularly with the new Covid variant. This has brought about renewed concerns for maintaining the health and safety of all the pupils, staff and the parent community. The scientific view is to delay opening of schools. This is why, with a heavy heart, I have made the decision to open for the next two weeks for the children of key worker parents only. This will allow us to tread cautiously while we maintain a focus on the health and safety of our pupils, staff and parent community. The health and safety of our pupils and staff will always be at the heart of any decision making.

During the next two weeks, all pupils will be undertaking learning online. As before, parents, please encourage the children to complete their daily learning. All staff are currently in school, so please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any queries regarding the learning.

The timings for start and end times will remain the same. Below is a reminder of these:

BUBBLE	START - Drop Off Time	END - Collect time
First Steps	12:15pm	3:15pm
Nursery	8:30am	11:30am
Reception	8:35am	3:05pm
Years 1/2	8:50am	3:10pm
Years 3/4	8:40am	3:15pm
Years 5/6	8:30am	3:20pm

To retain the integrity of the 'Bubbles', children will remain in their class for the



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duration of the next two weeks. Breakfast club will continue to operate for the children in school but after-school clubs will be suspended until further notice. All key worker children will benefit from attending school every day rather than on some days only. This will ensure consistency and routine for the child.

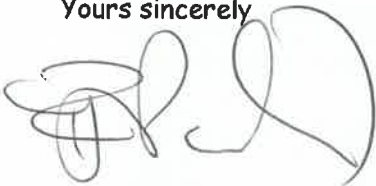
Any children or families who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a food hamper. Further details to follow separately.

On a positive note, you will also be aware that the vaccination programme is underway and this brings us good news and the hope that we may even begin to see some semblance of normality returning to our lives in the near future. Like you, I will be looking forward to that.

Parents who have made contact with the school since the decision to open for key worker children was made, have expressed their relief and support. As always, I am grateful for your continued support. I know we will get through these difficult times together and be a stronger team for it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Patel
Headteacher