



St Martin's Garden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Opens on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had some rest over the break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday. In order to do this safely we will need your continued help and support. **I know as a school we were very lucky not to lose a bubble at all during the Autumn term or at the start of the Christmas break. We hope that we will be able to continue to ensure children are learning in school but we will need your continued support and help to achieve this.**

We care deeply about the children, the staff, your families and the wider community. In order to keep everyone safe and the school open please follow the guidance below.

We would kindly ask that you continue to follow the NHS guidance and **self-isolate immediately with your family if:**

- **you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)**
- **you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus**
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive**
- **someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive**
- you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK

Please also follow all the Government guidance regarding the Tier systems and note that these will be reviewed regularly with the changing numbers of cases.

While on school site please continue to follow the guidance below:

- Please could we ask that all **adults coming on to the school grounds wear face coverings** when dropping off and picking up. Thank you for your support with this already.
- **Maintain social distancing rules on the playground of at least 2 metres** – families' households should not be mixing with other households on school site - when dropping off and picking up. Please continue to leave the site as quickly as possible after dropping off; your help already this year with this has been very much appreciated.



- If you need to talk to a member of staff **please maintain a clear distance of 2 metres**. The staff will be *wearing visors to meet and greet the children* this term. Please can we ask that you use the class emails to contact your child's teacher if you need to talk to them and it is not an urgent matter. **If you need to urgently/confidentially speak to them please phone the school office and we will aim to return your call as soon as we can.**

We hope that we will be able to continue to ensure children are learning in school but we will need help to achieve this. If you are not sure take a test!

Should we need to support a bubble learning from home in the coming weeks, we will need your most up-to-date contact information. *Please ensure if you have changed your address, contact telephone numbers or your email address that you up-date the school on our return.*

We have received more up-dates over the last few days from the Department for Education and you will have seen that guidance is changing all the time. **As a school being open and safe is a priority and we need the staffing in place to be able to do this. Over the coming weeks there will be ups and downs but we will be trying our very best each day during these challenging times.**

We continue to be very grateful for all your support and kindness during this time to keep our school safe and open.

Take care and keep safe!

Kind regards,
Claire Parfitt
Head teacher