



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of our plans at Sacred Heart during this current period of uncertainty in the education. We have returned to school today, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January in line with government guidance, however, you will have heard in the news that the teaching unions have been concerned about staff and children returning to school with the rising infection rates. This may mean a return to online and remote learning for the majority of pupils. Critical workers and vulnerable pupils only, will still be offered learning in school. The schools decision to remain open, to all, depends on the next few days and weeks and on further advice from the unions and also from government.

I know many of you will be anxious about sending your children back to school. Following a review of our risk assessment I can assure you that we have taken every precaution to minimise the risk to staff and pupils and would ask for your continued support to ensure you follow the covid guidance regarding face coverings and social distancing.

Ultimately the decision to send your child to school rests with you, however currently:

*For school age pupils, attendance remains compulsory. Under tier 4 arrangements, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people are advised to follow shielding advice. If your child is considered CEV, you should follow shielding advice. But all other children and young people in the household who are not CEV should continue to attend school.*

I am sure you all appreciate that last minute changes are out of our control but we will try to limit the impact as much as possible. As the weekend has shown, things are changing rapidly and we may be in a different situation shortly. The Prime Minister is making a further announcement this evening.

In preparation for a potential closure of the school, except for vulnerable children and children of key workers, can I please ask you to notify the office if you feel you fall into one of these categories and will be sending your child/children into school.

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God Bless

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