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3rd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whole school closure on Monday 4th January 2021
Full or partial reopening on Tuesday 5th January 2021.
Definite provision for all Key worker and vulnerable children from Tuesday 5th January 2021

Happy new year to you all. It's not the start to the new year any of us wanted but we will continue to support each other, as we do so well at Mousehold.

The last few days have been very difficult for school leaders and school staff, in trying to keep up with the fast pace of the news, updates and guidance from Government and Unions. I can imagine it has been a very unsettling time for you as parents and carers too and I do understand your anxieties as a parent myself. The situation of the covid infection rate is ever changing and of course we are in Tier 4 now and in a different place to where we were at the end of last term.

I believe that we can reopen **partially or fully** from **Tuesday 5th January** but we will be closed on **Monday 4th January in full**. This is to ensure we have time to plan properly and ensure we have enough staff to run the school safely and comfortably from Tuesday onwards. We will be in touch with you all by Monday afternoon to let you know if your child's class is open or closed from Tuesday. If your child's class is closed then there will be learning provided on the VLE and all Key Worker and Vulnerable children will have a place in school.

From 9am tomorrow there will be remote learning on the VLE for all. Teachers will provide this. We will send a survey out tomorrow morning so we have knowledge of who will need Key Worker provision if your child's class is closed. Please complete this as quickly as you can.

A message from Inclusive Schools Trust

Trustees at Inclusive Schools Trust are in agreement with the Government's aim for all primary pupils to return to school on Monday 4th January, providing it is safe for them to do so. Headteachers are empowered by the Trust to make the decision as to whether their school can open safely, fully or partially, or not at all. The Trustees will support the decision of the Headteacher in ensuring that everyone in the school community remains safe, whilst continuing to deliver the best learning experiences possible in the circumstances.

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Designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood



This is a very unsettling time for us all and I am grateful for your support and understanding at this time. I apologise for the inconvenience of the short notice, but the timings of this have been out of my hands.

Please take care everyone,

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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