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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following yesterday's government announcement, I am writing to confirm that Bagshot Infant School will be open, as planned, on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** for *all* pupils.

I am sure you have been following the rising case numbers over the holiday period and I, as I am sure you do, have serious concerns about the wellbeing and safety of our community. I will continue to do all that I can to keep everyone as safe as possible and ask that all our families continue to work with me to enable this to happen.

In short, I am asking that everyone **follow the Tier 4 rules** and measures put in place to keep us all safe:

- If anyone within your household has **ANY symptoms**, everyone in the household should **isolate**, and anyone with symptoms should immediately get a **test**;
- continue to **wear masks** at drop off and pick up to protect each other;
- maintain a **2m distance** from each other when lining up and keep your own child by your side;
- only **one adult**, from each family, should drop off and pick up;
- **drop and go**. Increasingly I have seen some adults stopping and chatting in small groups at drop-off and collection.

Finally, please **do not go to the park** before or after school and mix. We work so hard to keep the bubbles separate, and our whole community safe; please do not compromise this by mixing out of school.

I sincerely hope that by everyone working together and following the Tier 4 rules and safety measures, we can continue to keep Bagshot Infant School open for all pupils, but as I hope you can appreciate; this is a fast moving and, by its very nature, a constantly changing situation. Should things change again, I will write to you as soon as I am able. It is worth noting that, as Headteacher, I receive no warning of government announcements; I hear them at the same time as you, via the television.

This Christmas and New Year have not been what any of us would have planned, but in the interest of our entire community's health and well-being, I strongly encourage you all to stay at home over the next few days. Please take care and I look forward to seeing the children return on **5th January**.

All good wishes for 2021 and hopes that it is a more positive year than 2020 for us all.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Aldred