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Dear Parents,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that you've all enjoyed a peaceful and healthy Christmas.

We are planning to re-open our school to all children as planned on Wednesday 6th January 2021. The National Picture still remains turbulent though and negotiations continue to take place between unions and the Department for Education. We will be provided with further information at 4pm on Monday 4th January but it is unlikely that our plan will change. If it does, I will inform you immediately so please check your Parentmail regularly.

We have taken numerous measures to keep your children safe but we cannot eradicate risk. The new coronavirus variant has seen numbers of cases rise significantly across the country. We are often asked by parents if our school is safe, but we can only make it as safe as possible. Only you know the risk that sending your child to school poses for your child and family, so you will need to make an informed decision that is best for your circumstance. No judgment will be made regarding your decision, but please telephone us or leave a voicemail on 01952 388255, if you choose to keep your child at home. We can then signpost you to work your child can do at home.

Could we ask that you do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of illness until you have spoken to a member of our office staff.

We will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Take care,

Mrs S Griffiths