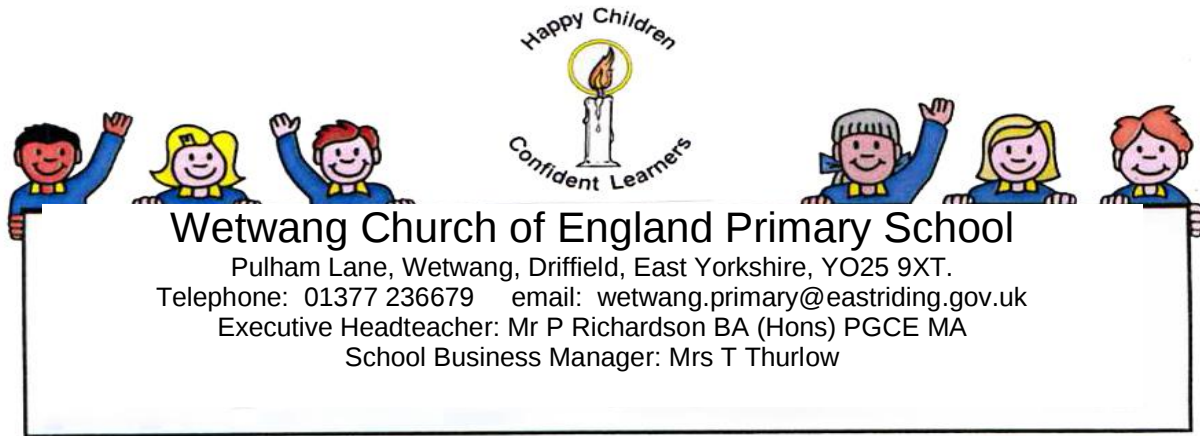




3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: 5th January return

I do hope you and your families have enjoyed Christmas.

I wanted to write to you today to wish you a Happy New Year and to reassure you that both schools in our Federation will be opening, as planned, for all children on Tuesday 5th January.

The Secretary of State for Education made an announcement on Wednesday 30th December, 'Throughout, we have been adamant that the education of children is an absolute priority, and that keeping schools open is uppperrmost in our plans.' Earlier today, the Prime Minister has reiterated this message.

We know how essential primary schools are in supporting the education, wellbeing and wider development of younger children.

I'd like to remind you that despite the difficulties which we all face, with your continued help during this new term, we will support every pupil and our community, to the best of our ability. The strength of our partnership will help us as we prepare for more difficult days. Here are some important reminders which will help us to keep everyone as safe as possible:

Hands/ Face/ Space.

- Punctuality is critical in the smooth running of our schools.
- Pupils are dropped off and collected by only one adult.
- Parents/ carers to drop off/ collect at the same locations and times - maintaining social distance at all times.
- Parents/ carers must not gather at gates/ entrances.
- Parents/ carers must not enter the building unless by prior appointment. (This includes Breakfast and After School Club.)



Should the future need arise for us to close the whole school or parts of it we will of course keep you updated as quickly as possible. We already have robust contingency plans ready to support remote learning should the government change their plans. We hope these won't be necessary.

I'd also like to remind you that if your child or anybody in your household feels unwell and may have Coronavirus, you should follow this advice. To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please don't send your child into school if they have:

- A high temperature
- Have a new, continuous cough
- Lost their sense of smell or taste or it's changed

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the last day of the holiday with your children. We are looking forward to seeing them back at school on Tuesday. Please take care and should you have any questions please get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Richardson

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