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Dear Parents and Carers,

Information on School Opening

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you have enjoyed a nice break with your family.

Tomorrow, St Charles School **plans open to all pupils** and we look forward to welcoming children back to school.

Tier 4 Measures

As we plan to return to school, we are crucially aware of the ever-changing situation with Coronavirus and the control measures in place for areas within Tier 4. I am aware that the Prime Minister will address the country tonight on this matter. We are committed to keeping our children, staff and parents safe and have reviewed our risk assessment of control measures in place accordingly. We receive regular updates on government advice from Durham LA and Public Health England and will continue to keep the situation under review. Should the situation change in school, we have contingency plans in place to revert to remote learning if we need to. A copy of the school's risk assessment can be viewed on the Coronavirus page of the school website.

The following plans will take effect from tomorrow, 5th January:

- Breakfast club will open as normal but after school activities will stay on suspension.
- Only one adult from each family will be able to come onto site for drop off and pick-ups.
- Parents and carers coming onto school site should **always wear a face covering**.
- The pickup times for year groups have been altered slightly * to ensure a ten-minute interval between groups and reduce the number of parents on site at any one time:

• Reception	2.40pm *	Year 5 and Year 6	2.50pm *
• Year 3 and Year 4	3.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2	3.10pm
- *As before, parents who have children in more than one class should arrive to school in time for their latest time slot and not wait on site for multiple pick-ups.*
- The crossing patrol will not be staffed from tomorrow.

Contingency Plans for Remote Learning

Should our situation change, we have plans in place to move to remote learning. Following our recent audit of home technology, we know which families have access to technology and will take this into account when organising work. I will keep you updated on the situation in school, particularly following any national updates.

Vulnerable and Critical Workers

In any changing situation, school will remain open to vulnerable children and those of critical workers. It is important that we update our records as to each family's situation and I will write separately to you later today.

A full list of those occupations which are classed as critical/key workers can be viewed on the Coronavirus page of the school website, together with categories of vulnerable children.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please complete the form, which will follow shortly and return it to school via Parentmail.

With all good wishes,

Mary Tate
Headteacher