

29th January 2021

Dear families,

This week we have had OFSTED in school. Firstly, I must thank all families who they called and spoke to. The visit went very well. They were blown away by the support families are putting in and the way you are working with the school. I will share the full report with you when it is published, but here is are the headlines:

- ***The school is highly effective, it has a very strong provision and is serving its community brilliantly.***
- ***There is determination and drive at all levels to provide the best education possible.***
- ***This is the benchmark by which other schools should be judged. We were very impressed.***

It is worth noting that we are providing more than 95% of other primary schools and more than over 50% of private schools. We could only do this with your support and willingness to go with us on this unprecedented journey. My thanks go to all of the school staff and to all of our families at home.

Return to school

In an announcement this week, the Prime Minister said that it will not be possible to reopen schools immediately after the February half-term. This means that, after half-term, we will continue to offer remote learning for the majority of our pupils, so that they will continue their education at home. We will remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

The government has said that schools could potentially start to welcome more children back from 8th March, at the earliest. Once we know more regarding this, we will update you.

Support

As ever, please contact the school with the subject "Support needed" if you are having technical problems or issues getting online. In addition, you are struggling with finances or struggling to provide at home, please make contact with the school and we will do all we can to support you. Use the "Support needed" email and we will get in touch with you.

All staff in school will now be having Covid tests twice weekly so that all children and staff in the building are being kept as safe as possible. I wanted to share again how brilliant this team has been. A big part of the success of the school has been down to them.

I hope this finds you all safe and well and I wish you all a very happy weekend. I look forward to seeing you online on Monday.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Bloomfield

Below is the Government Guidance for Tier 4. Please read it and follow all the advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>