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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I hope this letter finds you safe and well having had a quiet, family Christmas. Happy New Year 2021 from our school family to yours. No doubt we will all be looking forward to a brighter and better year ahead.

By now you will have heard the news and significant media attention regarding when secondary and primary schools should reopen following the Christmas holidays. The Government have delayed the start of secondary schools (and some primaries in Tier 4 areas) for the spring term. Gilberdyke Primary will open, as planned, on Tuesday 5th January (tomorrow is an inset day as previously arranged) and we look forward to welcoming families back then.

Risk Assessments

Our effective and vigilant procedures will remain in place and we have once again, revised our risk assessments and safety arrangements to ensure that we are continuing to do everything within our control to keep the school clean, follow all guidance and reduce the risk of transmission as far as we possibly can. Your child, and every member of our school and wider community remain my utmost priority – now, more than ever, with the new variant spreading more quickly and widely. We ask again, for your continued understanding and co-operation if your child is unwell – seek advice, book a test if needed and keep them off school until you are sure that it is not COVID.

Face Coverings When on the School Site:

The latest advice to schools is to try, where possible, to strengthen the measures we have already implemented to reduce risk rather than add any new ones (there are no additional measures we can take anyway!). There are not many measures that we can strengthen but, where possible, we must do so. The wearing of face coverings is one that we can.

- **From Tuesday, I am asking all adults (parents, grandparents, childminders, relatives, siblings who are secondary school age) unless they are medically exempt, to wear a face covering when on site during arrival and collection times please.**

I thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding in doing EVERYTHING we can to reduce the transmission of COVID across our school community. If it is not you, please ensure that all adults/older siblings who drop-off or collect your child from school are aware of these new arrangements.

Gathering onsite and outside school:

Please can I remind everyone to socially distance at all times during arrival/collection times and not to gather on site or on the path outside the school to further reduce transmission and protect the community as much as we can, many thanks.

Looking forward to getting the new term off to a great start!

Please take care.

Melissa Shirley
Head teacher