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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all stayed safe and well over the festive period.

I wrote to you all as we approached the end of the Autumn term to introduce myself and outline the plan for today as an operational day. Even then I had hopes that my first letter to you officially in post would be a more positive one. Unfortunately, the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic has become even more challenging. We now find ourselves in Tier 4 and amongst many different sources of advice about the safety of pupils in school.

Staff are in school today to contact you all and consult with you about whether your child should safely return to school this week.

We will then be taking the information to make informed decisions on which children should be coming to school.

I am deeply concerned about the rising infection rates and the scientific advice on the spread of the new variant amongst children. I completely understand that many parents will feel their child is safest at home and will support all parents who make this decision. No action will be taken against parents who do not send their child to school. However, as a working mum myself I also understand that many parents will have no choice but to send their child to school.

I know that all children who have an EHCP are defined by The DFE as being vulnerable but we want to work with parents to make a more informed decision on which of our pupils should be defined in this way. We want parents to be honest with us and we completely understand that many of our pupils have needs and behaviours which mean they are safer in school and should be in school. We also understand that every family has their own individual circumstances and want to work with you to ensure the best for all of our school community.

I will update you as the day progresses.

Warm Regards

Amy Findlay
Head Teacher

