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Dear Parents and Staff,

We are writing to keep you all updated with the news about schools opening on Monday.

As you have probably heard on the news, the NEU (England's largest teaching union) has advised its members of their "legal right" not to return to their classrooms next week amid serious health and safety fears.

The NAHT (headteachers' union) has initiated a legal challenge to the government's decision to reopen schools next week.

We are currently communicating with staff to see which staff will make the decision to work from home and which staff will be in school for the school to re-open tomorrow.

We are sharing this with you so that you have the opportunity to make plans in case there are any changes made to next week's school arrangements. This may or may not end up being the case.

Please be aware that we don't have the full picture at the moment but I sincerely hope we are able to return to school as planned.

We will keep families updated as soon and as best as we can. It is important to remember though, as of now (Sunday 3rd Jan), all children at our school are expected to return on Monday 4th January. If this is not the case we will contact individual families that are affected with further information. If your child's class teacher informs us that they will not be coming into school to teach their class we are aiming, if possible, to continue to provide in school education to children whose parents are key workers and those children who are considered vulnerable. With this in mind please could you contact school as soon as possible via class dojo and tell us if you are currently working within one of the areas set out below:

### **Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

### **Education and childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

### **Key public services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

### **Local and national government**

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in-government agencies and arms-length bodies.

### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food - production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery - as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

### **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff, and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Miss T Smith  
Headteacher