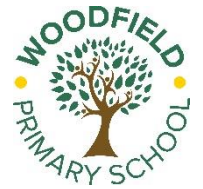




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Monday, 04 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year I hope that you have all managed to have a lovely Christmas and have remained healthy.

I just wanted to issue some clarification around the opening of primary schools this week. As I am sure you are aware, there has been much speculation regarding whether or not primary schools will open amid rising coronavirus cases. You may also have seen that Wolverhampton Local Authority have formally requested the DfE for Wolverhampton schools to be supported by the department to move to remote education next week due to high case numbers in the city. I have no information beyond what you will have seen in the press or the council statement, and, as far as I am aware the Local Authority are still awaiting a response to this request. Unless the situation at either local or central government changes, we will be opening to all children, as planned, on Tuesday 5th January. If any different decisions are taken by the council or government, we will endeavour to let you know as soon as we possibly can.

All children who remain well (and are not isolating due to being a close contact of a positive case) should attend school from Tuesday. If your child is considered clinically extremely vulnerable and has been advised by the NHS to shield, and you have concerns around sending them to school, please contact me separately so that we can discuss your individual circumstances.

As always, your support and understanding is both overwhelming and gratefully appreciated. Hopefully, with the positive news of approved vaccines, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we will be back to a normal, full school in which we can once again welcome parents and carers and resume all normal activities. If you have any concerns, or wish to discuss the matter further, than please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
Headteacher