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Headteacher's Newsletter – 4th January 2020

Happy New Year!

In line with both government and Surrey guidance we will be fully open for all children, apart from any child who is extremely clinically vulnerable, from tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January 2021).

I want to reassure you that the risk assessments have been reviewed and I am confident that these are as robust as they can be in order to reduce risks to all.

Please remember to stagger drop off and pick ups and to stay well back from the doors. This is vital, not only to protect parents and staff from being too close to others but also so that the children do not mix with others from the other bubbles and so that we can ensure that the children wash their hands properly when they arrive in school.

Some parents have informed me that they will not be sending their children back at this time and whilst I do understand that this is an anxious time, we do know from the last lockdown that the lack of routine and learning in school does have a detrimental impact on children and I would urge you to reconsider and send the children in to school.

The biggest thing that we can all do to prevent the spread is to stick to the rules and if anyone in the household, or any close contact, has symptoms then book a test immediately and make sure that everyone who has been in contact with them does not leave the house for 10 days (apart from to be tested)

In line with regulations, teachers will be planning and delivering the full curriculum to children attending school. We must legally provide remote learning for any child who is extremely clinically vulnerable and for any child who is isolating due to a positive test of either their own or a close contact.

For us at St Paul's, remote learning will be a mix of activities that can be accessed online and some paper worksheets/activities. There may be some live lessons that children can access. We have a small number of Google Chrome Books that we can loan if needed. I am sure that you appreciate that this is a lot of hard work.

I am sorry but we cannot provide remote learning to any child whose parents choose not to send them into school. I understand that a parents' decision not to send their child to school will not have been taken lightly, but we just do not have capacity. Teachers will be able to send the weekly information sheet to all parents at the end of each week so those choosing to home educate can see what has been covered in school. We have been installing Google Classroom for all children and so will shortly be able to share login information with parents.

If you would like any further information please email me on head@stpaulstongham.com.