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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have managed to have a restful Christmas break.

I'm sure you will be aware through the media that there is present uncertainty regarding the provision of on-site education in primary, secondary and special schools nationally due to the increased transmissibility of the new strain of Covid-19.

To date, the government has stated that it is their expectation that, unless told otherwise (e.g. London boroughs), primary schools are to stay open. We have received no additional information from the government from that published by the media. *Of course, this could change this evening or at any time.*

In light of the above, we have today, reviewed our risk assessment both in terms of pandemic control and staffing resource. It is our intention that, at present, the school will be open to all pupils on **Wednesday 6th January**. This will be reviewed on a day by day basis and we will, of course, inform you as soon as possible if the situation changes.

All routines and timings for the school day will remain as they were at the end of the autumn term. Please refer to my previous December/January update for further information. To further minimise any possible infection we have amended the risk assessment to include the following actions:

After school provision provided by CSD will be limited to supporting parents who need to work, search for work or undertake training or education or where a provision is used for respite care or for those children in receipt of the Pupil Premium funding or are currently supported by a social worker. All session to be booked via CSD.

Staff will wear appropriate PPE, including face covering, when working directly with children. Please discuss this with your child/ren, explaining the reasons why.

In KS2 Lunch boxes, drink bottles only to be brought into school. **NO** bags are to be brought into school unless your child has a particular arrangement with the class teacher. Reading books carried into school separately.

Any children attending an after school activity to wear PE kit for the day and therefore reducing the need to bring a bag into school.

All planned visitors to the school postponed. This includes musical tuition and tennis coaching for example. Please contact the relevant musical tutor regarding payments.

All visitors in/onto school grounds to wear an appropriate face covering unless exempt from doing so. This includes parents/carer at drop off/collection please. Only one adult to drop off/collect child.

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Children to be supervised by a parent/carer when collecting siblings. Children are **NOT** to use any of the outdoor lay equipment or ride scooters/bicycles please.

All Cottingham CofE community to adhere to Tier 4/updated rules and regulations as announced by the government. This will minimise the risk of infection to everyone. ***Please do not be offended if you are questioned or asked to clarify a certain situation by a member of staff.***

Attendance – As it stands, **ALL** children, unless ill, have medical appointments, are clinically vulnerable or self-isolating are to attend school from Wednesday. Normal attendance procedures, including first day phone calls will be in place.

Please be assured that, as always, the safety of the whole Cottingham CofE Primary School community is paramount and at the fore front of our thinking. If you have any questions relating to the information in this update, please email head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk for further clarification.

Thank you for your continued patience and support during these challenging times. Further updates, including the possibility of remote education, will be provided as and when it is available/required.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)