

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Update - Arrangements for Start of Term 3**

Firstly, I must apologise for emailing you on New Year's Eve. As you will probably have heard, the Government has decided to delay the opening of primary schools in areas of the country with very high rates of COVID-19. Unfortunately, Gravesham has been identified as one of these areas and we have been instructed to remain closed to most children from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until further notice. Only those children of critical workers and children classed as vulnerable will be able to attend.

All children not identified in the groups above will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and, in the meantime, will provide updates via Seesaw and email (please inform us as soon as possible if you change your email address). Online work will be available via Google Classrooms from Monday.

If you have been identified as a critical worker, or have a child classed as vulnerable, and intend to send your child(ren) to school next week, please complete the online form below by **midday on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021** at the latest. In order to keep as many pupils and staff as safe as possible at this time, please ensure you are only requesting places for this provision if you genuinely have no other way of keeping your child at home. Children in school will access the on-line learning that will be available to all other pupils.

[Online form requesting attendance from 4th January 2021](#)

We very much appreciate your continued patience and support and hope that, if we all follow the guidelines, our school can reopen as usual very soon.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher