

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: School Opening January 2021**

I do hope you and your children have managed a happy Christmas and enjoyed some quality, family time.

I am sure that you will have heard recent government and union announcements about starting back to school. The current situation for all of our Elevate Academies is that we are in areas under Tier 3 restrictions and therefore, it is a requirement that we remain open.

However, due to concerns about the transmissibility of the new Covid-19 variant, the NEU (National Education Union) has advised members not to return to work if they feel the workplace is unsafe. I am pleased to announce that currently, all of our staff have made the decision to attend work and all of our Academies will be open tomorrow morning.

Headteachers and staff will continue to ensure the safety of your children by robustly following the systems that they have put in place.

In order to support your headteacher and staff, could I ask that when you are dropping off or picking up your children: only one person does this; they wear a mask and they maintain social distancing from other parents.

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding through this difficult time – hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel with the Oxford vaccine being rolled out this week.

Kind regards,



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