



Sunday 3rd January 2021

Reopening of school after the Christmas break

Dear Families,

Further to the text we sent out yesterday, it is still fully our intention for children in **main school** to return as normal tomorrow **Monday 4th January** (nursery Tuesday 5th January)

You will have seen in the news that there are significantly **more cases of covid19** both nationally and locally and that as a result Norfolk is now in **tier 4**. You will also have heard that there is much debate about whether it is sensible for schools to be open at this time, but the government have not instructed schools in Norfolk to close.

We know that children learn best in school, but we understand that many of you will be very anxious at this time about what is the right thing to do for your child and your family. The governors and I have a responsibility to ensure that school is safe and we continue to have a robust risk assessment in place. **It is possible that this half term is going to see partial or full closure of school**, at some point, if we have another positive case, or if we have too many staff self isolating resulting in staff shortages. We will notify you if this affects your child.

In the meantime please help us to help keep children, staff and families safe and the school open by

- Wearing masks at drop off and pick up times, unless exempt on medical grounds
- Sticking to the staggered drop off and pick up time allocated to your child's year group (1 adult only please)
- Informing the office immediately if your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive over Christmas
- Informing the office if your child is unwell and maybe displaying covid19 symptoms, or has tested positive

In line with Public Health Guidance, classrooms will continue to be well ventilated and as much learning as possible will take place outdoors. Please ensure that **your child is dressed warmly** for winter weather.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office 01603 451299 8- 4pm Mon –Thurs 8-3.30pm Fri or email office@westearlhaminfant.norfolk.sch.uk week days

Kind regards and Happy New Year

Head Teacher

