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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, let us wish you a happy new year- we hope you have stayed safe and well during the holidays. Sadly, several staff have been sick with covid, although thankfully their symptoms started after the 48 hours. We didn't have any cases reported by parents so we do hope you have all been well.

As you will know, cases in Barnet continue to rise and are currently very high. As a result, the government announced yesterday that primary schools in Barnet will not reopen for the first 2 weeks of term. The situation will be reviewed on the 18th January. However, school will remain open for children of critical workers and pupils who are most vulnerable, for example those with a social worker.

As with the previous school closure, provision at school should only be requested as a last resort as we need to keep everyone as safe as possible and we believe for most children that is at home. Cases in Barnet are among the highest in the country and we need to do all we can do to reduce infection. This is the best way to ensure that we can reopen as soon as possible for everyone. As mentioned above, we also have several staff with covid so our staffing may also be limited for a time. If you feel you do not have any other options and need a place for your child at school, then please indicate this on the questionnaire linked in the text you should have received.

Lessons will be online (My Maths and SeeSaw) from Tuesday 5th January. Monday is still an INSET day and the staff will be using some of this day to prepare for remote teaching. In addition to SeeSaw and My Maths, we hope teachers will be able to host a daily registration and "hello" Zoom at 9am each day and it would be our expectation that all children attend this Zoom as well as completing the set work each day. We will confirm this on Monday, along with the online learning timetable and expectations. If you are unable to log on to Seesaw or My Maths or do not have a device your child can use for online learning then please indicate this on the questionnaire. We will **not** be routinely offering paper learning during this closure.

We will be providing optional lunch packs for the children who are eligible. Please indicate this on the questionnaire if you require a lunch pack. If your circumstances have changed during the holidays and you now are in receipt of benefits please also state this on the questionnaire as you may be eligible for the lunch packs.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school before too long and thank you in advance for your ongoing support as we enter another school closure.

Best wishes and take care,

Jessie and S-J