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Dear Parents and Carers,

4.01.21

Happy New Year and we all hope that you have been able to have a restful and happy break in the circumstances. The beginning of term has begun with such uncertainty for you and for school staff and I am sure you are keen for news about Woodside's arrangements.

As you are aware, primary schools are expected to open as normal. **At the time of writing, our school will be open tomorrow, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan**, as we have enough staff. We understand that many parents will have concerns about children returning, so please contact us if you are unsure about what to do.

Due to being in Tier 4, we will no longer be having supply staff in if staff are absent for illness etc. Therefore, please look out for messages about partial closures for classes in the event of staff absence as well as in the event of positive Covid-19 cases. Apologies in advance for any disruption and for short notice announcements, but I am sure you understand that it is unavoidable in the circumstances.

School's risk assessment and procedures are extremely robust and are in place to reduce the risk of transmission. Therefore, please re-read the risk assessment and the additional information below, due to now being in Tier 4. I assure you that all staff are doing everything they can to keep your children safe. It is imperative that we all do as much as we can to protect our bubbles.

**Please do not send your child to school** if they have been in contact with someone who has become symptomatic or has tested positive.

**Please do not send your child to school** if you/they have any symptoms themselves and get a test.

**Please wear a mask** when collecting/dropping off (unless exempt); adhere to social distancing and do not mingle.

**Please adhere** to all the rules outside school, to further reduce the likelihood of cases coming in.

**Please adhere** to the home-school agreement as this includes Covid-19 rules.

Thank you all for your consideration and co-operation.

Jan 2021: Additions to Covid-19 risk assessments due to Tier 4 status

Woodside Primary School risk assessment:

<http://woodside.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Risk-Assessment-Covid-19-for-Sept-2020-Woodside-Primary-School1.pdf>

Due to being in Tier 4 from 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, immediate additions to the current risk assessments are as follows, to help reduce the risk of transmission in the event of Covid-19 cases:

- The Indian dance workshops are postponed
- Yoga sessions are postponed until after half term at the earliest
- Planned after school visits of reception families will be cancelled
- In the event of staff absence, the use of supply staff will be avoided wherever possible and bubbles will temporarily close if there are not enough staff (unless the person is already part of the bubble and does not work in another school)
- Face coverings should continue to be worn by staff when moving around the school and visors are provided for use in class
- After school sports clubs are postponed until further notice.

The definition of 'close contact' on the NHS website is used when determining who would need to isolate in the event of a positive case, so all adults must continue to protect other bubbles please.

A contact can be:

- anyone who lives in the same household as someone with COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 with a PCR test:
  - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
  - been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
  - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
  - travelled in the same vehicle

GCC's flowchart about isolation/closing bubbles will be used in the event of a report of a positive case. Every case is assessed on an individual basis.