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Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year! We're all hoping for a much better and brighter 2021!

I wanted to write to you before your children are due back as I am very aware there is a lot of speculation in the media regarding the new term. We have had no further communication from DfE or Hampshire County Council, so it is school business as usual with some slight changes to our operations in school considering the Tier 4 restrictions that we now find ourselves in. We will, of course, keep you updated and informed if anything does change.

Following the Government announcement on 30 December 2020, Hampshire County Council has confirmed that: from 4 January 2021 - All early years, infant, junior and primary phases return to school as normal across Hampshire. We of course have our INSET planned for Monday 4th January, so our start of term remains as Tuesday 5th January.

You'll remember the communication sent out before the end of term regarding the school's duty to support Trace and Trace. I manned the newly created COVID email up until 24th December and am delighted to say that there were no known cases reported. On a personal level, it would have been devastating to have needed to request people to isolate before Christmas. It was a real relief to find only correspondence in there that related to 'negative' results.

Going forward, we will continue to implement our robust control measures within school, including promoting and maintaining strong hygiene practices, effective cleaning systems and reviewing our risk assessment to ensure we are keeping all children, staff and parents as safe as possible.

We ask that all of our community support us with this. When dropping off and picking up children please continue to wear face coverings and maintain social distance where possible and reducing time spent waiting around. Please do not congregate in groups and please respect each other.

Your child must not return to school and must self-isolate for 10 days if they:

- have symptoms or a positive test result themselves
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive (or is waiting for test results)
- have been identified as a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) and are requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace or the Public Health England (PHE) advice service.

In these circumstances, please email adminoffice@nightingale.hants.sch.uk and include the reason for their isolation and the date their isolation period will end.

We have been reminded that parents and carers are encouraged to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance regarding your child's return to school.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school next Tuesday 5th January!

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher