



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term 2021

Welcome back to the Spring Term and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

As you will be aware from television and radio coverage, there has been a significant increase in the numbers of people with Covid-19 over the holiday period. Consequently, the government yesterday implemented its 'contingency framework' for 49 high risk areas. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-contingency-framework-for-education-and-childcare-settings/contingency-framework-education-and-childcare-settingsexcluding-universities>

As Islington is NOT considered a high risk area, we will be open to all pupils as planned on Tuesday 5th January 2021; Monday 4th January remains an INSET day.

I understand that this news may be confusing and concerning for some as we are fully aware of the numbers in Islington, however, it is important that we continue to maintain our trust in the Government and the difficult decisions they must make.

There is an expectation from the Government that all pupils in Islington return to school as scheduled. If your child is unable to return to school due to sickness, isolation or shielding reasons, please inform the school via the usual channels of communication.

Please do not send your child into school in January if you, or anyone in your household, or anyone that you have had contact with is showing any symptoms of Covid-19 or has tested positive.

Unfortunately, I must warn you that if you choose to keep your child off school for other reasons, this may result in an unauthorised absence.

I can assure you, that St. John's will continue to do all we can in order to keep the children, staff and parents safe in our school community. We ask that you continue to abide by the procedures that were in place during the Autumn term in order to minimise the risks. We understand that January and February will be even colder, so please wrap up warm, with an umbrella when collecting your children as there will still be a short waiting time for some during pick up and drop off of different bubbles.





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Please be aware that this is the situation as it stands today, if there are any other changes that affect the opening of St. John's, I will be in contact with you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued cooperation and support of the difficult and often complicated decisions we have had to make since the start of this pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming the whole school community back on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read
Executive Headteacher

