



Mason Moor Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you managed to enjoy the festive season and that you have had the happiest possible new year. We have all been following the news over the past few days, wondering what, if anything, the Prime Minister and Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, would say about the re-opening of primary schools in the city. I am also in very close contact with the headteachers in our local area and the Local Authority.

I completely understand and appreciate how you all must be feeling at the current time in terms of both your child's and your safety coming into school. This, alongside the safety of the staff, is at the forefront of my mind with all the decisions that are being made.

At present, the governors and I are not able to have certainty over the number of staff who will be available to support our pupils, either due to the union advice or because they are having to self-isolate. I, and the LA, feel that until I can be certain that we have sufficient staffing levels to ensure the safety of the pupils in the school, I cannot fully open the school. Mason Moor Primary School will only open tomorrow (Monday 4th January) for critical worker's children, those with an EHCP for special educational needs or looked after children. If you feel that your job means that you are in the critical worker category, please let me know by completing the Google Form that will be sent out later today.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the school will remain closed except for critical workers' children, those with an EHCP for special educational needs, looked after children and other vulnerable children. School will be contacting parents of children in this final group tomorrow to discuss this.

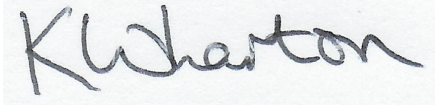
At present, we plan to fully open the school to all our children from Thursday 7th January 2021, but will keep you fully up to date when any new information comes to light.

From tomorrow onwards, we will be providing your children with online live learning through Google classroom. The first time to login will be at 11am tomorrow where teachers will welcome the children and set out the schedule for the day's learning. I apologise for this not being first thing in the morning, but I am sure you appreciate the timescales here are extremely difficult.

Like all headteachers across the country, I believe that the best place for our children is in school. I want to assure you all that all members of staff at Mason Moor Primary School are doing

everything they can to keep as safe as possible for the whole community. We thank you for your understanding at such a difficult time.

Keep well and stay safe

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "K Wharton" in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Kristy Wharton
Headteacher

