



# Woodsetton School

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Dear Everyone

Happy new year to you all and what an usual start to the new year we have had! During the first week of term, instead of welcoming all of our children back to school and hearing their lovely stories about what they did over Christmas, we had the Prime Minister announce on Monday evening that the country was back in a national lockdown.

Woodsetton, together with all other schools in the country have had to get our heads around numerous new documents and a range of ever changing guidance from the government and DfE with the latest being published and shared late on Friday.

Within my letter that I sent earlier last week, we are doing our utmost to be open for as many pupils as possible but we have got to do this sensibly to ensure the safety for both our pupils and staff on site at school.

From today we are welcoming back our most vulnerable pupils and pupils of critical workers. Classes will be very different to those during the Autumn term but I know our children are resilient to change and have coped magnificently in the past and I am sure they will continue to do so.

For all other pupils and parents, over the course of this week your child's class teachers will be contacting you to carry out welfare calls, checking that the work packs / online learning that was sent home / set up last week was able to be accessed and how your child got on with them.

For the many parents who wish to keep their children safe at home please be aware that we fully support your decision and we will continue to support you and your child with home learning throughout the current lockdown.

For those of you who have expressed that you would prefer your child to be in school if possible, please note that I will be contacting you this week to share with you what we are able to do as a school safely. I am also aware that school opening is a very hot issue with the government at present so please bear with us as things are changing so rapidly at the moment and could subsequently change our proposed plans with minimal notice (just like we found ourselves on Monday evening).

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding in these challenging times and supporting us to keep everyone at Woodsetton safe.

As always, if you wish to discuss any of this with school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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