



Wibsey Primary School
North Road, Bradford, BD6 1RL
Headteacher: Mr N M Cooper

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to let you know that school will **be open to all pupil's tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January**. I will need your cooperation and support to make this reopening work.

Firstly, thank you to all those parents and carers who read my communications carefully yesterday. This closure was forced on the school by the actions of a national union (NEU) putting staff members in a really difficult position. This comes out of a genuine concern, that I know many of you share, for Covid safety. I have ensured everyone worked today to provide online learning. No one had had a "day off"

Myself, the staff and leadership team have worked to overcome any difficulties and come up with a plan to get all children in full time.

Your overwhelming support has been much appreciated and I know that you know we closed as we had no other option coming off yesterday's announcements, and with the number of staff who would not be teaching. I hate closing school.

I have to say that we did receive a couple of messages that were abusive. I have written to individuals who put their name to these, but sadly some keyboard warriors thought it acceptable to heap anonymous and vile abuse. To these anonymous people I would say you need to look for another school for your children as you don't understand how Wibsey or education works and you certainly don't form part of the Wibsey ethos.

From tomorrow Year 2 and Year 3 will line up in different places – please see the attached map – staff will help direct you. Both year groups are just slightly further on than they were previously to create more space.

We are asking all parents/carers to wear a mask/face covering whilst dropping off and collecting. This is not required for children. Staff may or may not be wearing a mask as they need to be able to clearly communicate with yourselves and with children to keep them safe. Please keep your 2m distances.

Staff will have the option of wearing masks in the corridors but will not be wearing them whilst teaching. Some 1 to 1 staff who need to work in close proximity with supported children will have the option of wearing visors.

Some lessons will change – so sets and phonics groupings will remain in base classes.

I believe the Prime Minister is addressing the nation at 8.00pm tonight and the landscape is quick changing. Many of you will be scared and concerned about the next few days, weeks

and months. All I can say is that from the bottom of my heart I share these concerns and that I will continue to work with the whole Wibsey community to ensure our children get the best education and care we can deliver.

Nigel M. Cooper

Headteacher – Team Wibsey

