

Badgerbrook Primary School

Thursday 31st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have been able to spend a happy Christmas despite all the restrictions which have been in place.

As you will know Leicestershire moved into Tier 4: Stay at Home alert level of local restrictions on 31st December 2020. This means we are in an area with a very rapidly rising level of infections, where tighter restrictions are in place.

The government guidance can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

All Leicestershire Primary schools are expected to open as planned for the Spring Term. For Badgerbrook the first day back for pupils will be Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Please be assured that staff at Badgerbrook are doing all we can to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission within school. We are constantly reviewing our risk assessment in accordance with the government guidance and have many precautions in place.

Before Christmas the children were familiar with the school routines (not mixing bubbles, hand washing, sanitising, hygiene requirements, lunch time arrangements etc) and these will be reinforced on their return to school.

We will continue with the staggered start and finish times so that we can keep the number of parents on site to a minimum at any one time. Please keep to these whenever possible. All parents and carers should wear a face covering when on the school site

Good ventilation within school continues to be important – classroom windows will continue to be open as much as possible so the classrooms will be colder than normal and children should dress accordingly in layers of school uniform. Additional windows will be opened when children are not in the classrooms.

Children should continue to limit the amount of equipment they bring in to school each day and should continue to come to school in PE kit on the days when they are due to have PE lessons. They should have a separate pair of shoes in school on these days as the grounds are very muddy.

We ask that you continue to inform us of any COVID test results for pupils and their households. Do not send your child in to school if there is any chance they have been in contact with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for, COVID-19. Remember that if there is a positive in your house the rest of the

household must self isolate for 10 days. We will follow government and Public Health England advice if a member of a school bubble tests positive for COVID-19.

We will continue to follow the government guidance for schools in Tier 4 and if we need to make any changes we will contact you as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that all children who are currently entitled to Free School Meals should have received a voucher from the school to support with meals over the Christmas break. If your child is now eligible for free school meals, please complete the application online so that you can receive this support during February half term.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Thank you for your continuing support during these difficult times. We want to do everything we can to keep our pupils and their families, and our staff and their families as safe as possible in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Price".

Mrs C Price

Deputy Headteacher