



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and remained safe and well.

I did not expect to have to write to you on New Year's Eve but yesterday the Government [announced plans to protect education and fight the virus](#). With case rates rising across the country, the government will now begin to apply the contingency framework for education and childcare settings and push back the staggered return for secondary schools and colleges by one week. The Government also announced that some primary schools in areas of high rates would not re-open at the beginning of term and will shift to remote education in line with the contingency framework. As Swale continues to have high transmission rates Bapchild and Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School will not re-open fully to all year groups on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Currently, this will be for two weeks but is subject to review by the Government.

We recognise how difficult this is for parents who try to juggle the demands of work and home life. We have continued to improve our online learning offer and I will write to you over the weekend with arrangements for this.

The school will be open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you believe you are in this group and wish to have a place, please complete the online form by 12 noon on Sunday 3rd January 2021.

<https://forms.gle/PDASVXmfox8r3CUc7>

It is anticipated that, depending on numbers, two groups of Key Stage 1 and 2 will operate. Our critical worker group will not start until Tuesday 5th January 2021 due to Monday 4th January 2021 being a Staff Development Day. I will write to you with arrangements for your child/ren over the weekend.

Thank you again for your understanding and support and I will forward further information over the weekend to keep you up-to-date.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

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Headteacher

