



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have now come to the end of a very interesting year and readying for the immediate challenges ahead, but also hopeful that with patience some normality can eventually return during 2021. I wanted to update you following the Government announcements.

- I am delighted to say all Transform schools will be opening as they had previously planned.
- Please support the staff in schools by bringing your child to school as normal unless they are currently recovering or isolating following contact with a positive case.
- Please continue to observe the school protocols that ensure a COVID secure school. After a period away from school this might need a refresher for you and your children.
- Please be assured school COVID secure protocols are under constant review, and in light of the new strain of coronavirus we need to be more vigilant than ever.
- School testing is not yet scheduled to start in primary age schools – we will pay careful attention to the programme in secondary schools, and we will look for guidance from the DfE. The aim of the testing programme is to reduce necessary isolations of staff and children and the disruption this causes. How we would implement will be something we examine over the next few weeks, and schools will be writing to parents as these plans evolve.
- As a Tier 4 area, Clinically Extremely Vulnerable members of the school community are advised to stay at home. Schools will be supporting these individuals on a case by case basis.

It is the start of a new year and a new term. Please be assured Transform is once again ready to deal with the challenges ahead with our children at the very heart of any decision that we make.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

**Rebecca Meredith**  
CEO