



January 2nd 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and fun festive period and managed to recharge your batteries during this time. To those of you who did not have the luxury of a 2 week break from your workplace, I hope you have managed some sort of rest and been able to spend time with loved ones.

I am writing to you because I am sure you have seen the news regarding the return to school and some teaching unions calling for a delay to ALL primary schools returning on the 4th or 5th January as originally planned. This is due to many areas now being in Tier 4 along with the threat of the new strain of the virus which, from research, seems to be affecting primary aged children in a more rigorous way and putting the school community under greater risk.

I wish I were able to offer some clarity to you on this current position but at this moment in time, I cannot.

My current intention remains that Chuter Ede pupils return on Tuesday 5th January as planned. I want to see children in school and I believe it is the best place for their education and their wider well-being. However, I also want my staff and their loved ones, you and your loved ones, to be safe, and I want to minimise risk for the whole school community. It's a challenging balancing act!

Like you, I await further updates from the Government as to whether they change their stance on the opening of primary schools across the country.

Please feel free to share any of your views/concerns or questions with myself and/or Mrs Revill and we shall endeavour to respond.

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I shall continue to update you but as it stands, we look forward to welcoming your child/ren back with us on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Warm regards,

Bernadette Hunter