

Wednesday 30th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas despite the Tier 4 restrictions.

Today, the Government and Secretary of State for Education announced that *most primary schools will return on 4 January, except in some areas in the south of England where there are particularly high infection rates. These schools will not open until 18 January* (pending review nearer the time).

We have yet to receive official communications but Maple Cross falls within Three Rivers which has been named as an area of high infection rates.

As a result, we are expecting confirmation that Maple Cross will remain closed for all pupils except those who are vulnerable or those with parents who are key workers. Parents of vulnerable children will be contacted directly and parents who are key workers will be required to book days in advance. The decision to provide 'childcare' for children of key workers remains with the headteacher. Key worker places will be limited to ensure school staff are not put at risk. Support staff will be overseeing key worker children who will be completing the same learning as those at home.

Full details of the virtual learning curriculum will be shared before the end of this week. The staff training days on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th remain and online learning will commence from the first day of term on Wednesday 6th January.

Thank you for your continued support.

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