

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are writing to explain the arrangements for the start of term in Cheddar Grove Primary School.

As a Trust we have reviewed our risk assessments for each primary school to make sure they continue to be effective and working as planned to reduce the risk of the transmission of Covid-19. Central to this, of course, is staffing and making sure each school has enough staff on site to run the school effectively and safely.

As a result of this review, we can confirm that Cheddar Grove will **not** open to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January as planned. Our staffing situation means that we are only able to provide education in school for children in all year groups, including in the nursery, who are considered to be vulnerable or whose parents/carers are critical workers. All other children will receive their education remotely, using SeeSaw, as we did in the first national lockdown.

Parents/carers who are critical workers can book their child in to the on-site provision using the following link [Critical worker placement request form – Cheddar Grove](#)

Please do this as soon as possible to help our planning. Parents/carers whose children are considered to be vulnerable will be contacted separately to discuss the arrangements for their child/children.

We expect this situation to be the case until Monday 18th January 2021 but will keep you updated and let you know immediately should there be a change.

If your child is continuing to come into school, we would like to ask for your help in reducing contact and keeping each other safe, particularly at the start and finish of the school day. In particular, we would be very grateful for your support with the following control measures:

1. Only one adult at a time to do each drop off and pick up for your family
2. Wear a face mask whilst on site or waiting for your child outside the school
3. Maintain a strict social distance of at least 2 meters from other people whilst on-site or waiting outside the school

We will be available for help and support during this period and will keep in regular contact with children who are learning at home. We continue to work closely with government and public health officials and can assure you that our over-riding concern continues to be the health and safety of our pupils, staff and families.

We wish you and your family a happy new year. Please accept our thanks in advance for your support as we continue to work together to help minimise the impact of the pandemic on children's education.

Yours sincerely,

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P B Jeffery
Headteacher

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Andrea Arlidge
Chief Executive