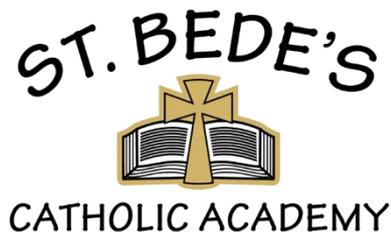


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4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter continues to find you all safe and healthy and that you have been able to enjoy a quiet but lovely Christmas.

As you are aware, the current Covid situation is very serious and continually changing. School is in a very challenging position and one where information about the opening of St Bede's may change at any given time. I promise you we will do our utmost to keep you informed of any changes.

If we are changing our opening plans, I will do my utmost to keep you informed asap. But due to circumstances totally out of the control of school this may be at very short notice. **At the time of writing this letter, St Bede's will be open to all pupils (as normal) from Tuesday 5th January. This reopening date was shared with parents before Christmas via Dojo, Facebook, Instagram, text and email and the school newsletter. I do strongly encourage everyone to check these communications platforms daily. School cannot be help responsible if you do not read important information, we share with you on a very regular basis.**

These are unpredictable times and school is doing its very best in a fast-moving and ever-changing situation. We always want to do what is best for your child and safe for your child.

Thank you for your fantastic response to the trust request to wear masks whilst in the school grounds. This was greatly appreciated. Now, more than ever, the wearing of masks to protect everyone is so important. We would encourage you to do so again. Children in KS2 are also asked to wear masks whilst in communal areas of the school. Again, almost all the children did this happily.

We do have reasons to be cheerful. The vaccine is being rolled out and hopefully by the summer we can get back normality. The children are wonderful, and they are happy in school. It good for their mental health and fostering of friendships. It is so very true, that everyday away from school is a missed opportunity.

Thank you again for your support in these truly difficult and hard to manage times. Keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher