



Bishop Aldhelm's C.E. Primary School

Loved by God; United in Learning

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*Love, Unity,
Courage
and Inspiration*

Thursday 31st December 2020

RE - School will be open for all children – Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year! 2020 has certainly set up some challenges for the world – yet I have to say the community of Bishop Aldhelm's has stayed strong and the continued support from you all has been astounding. Thank you!

The start of 2021 sees us all in a new tier. The majority, including Bishop Aldhelm's school site, will now be in Tier 4. Yet for some of you; children, parents and staff, you may be living in Tier 3.

Tiers 3 and 4

We are still working through the implications of this. For many of you the fact that schools are in Tier 4 and children/staff may be in other tiers will be an area of concern for you. In essence Tier 4 is a stay at home tier as is made clear in Tier 4 guidance.

For many households this will mean most will be asked to work from and to stay at home most of the time. Parents will be expected to stay local and not to travel to areas with lower tiers. The exception will be education and childcare drop off and pick up but almost all else is a no.

We, just like you, are all still awaiting further guidance to come out for schools. We will be writing to you as changes need to happen.

From what we do know to date, all primary schools in BCP will be open next week and all our children are expected back in school from **Tuesday 5th January**. Bishop Aldhelm's, as planned at the beginning of the year, will be closed to children on Monday 4th January for staff training.

We are currently updating our robust risk assessment to reflect the changes and I can assure you that we are doing all we can to keep everybody safe and well. It is worth pointing out that we do have Critically Extremely Vulnerable staff members and children on site that have continued to work throughout and they are at a greater risk. So I do ask that everybody keeps to all government guidance. **Please, please continue to wear face coverings on site and keep your distance from staff and fellow parent/guardians.** If you are exempt from wearing a face covering please be prepared to be asked for evidence to support this. If you are exempt, please still respect social distancing to keep yourself and others safe.

Bishop Aldhelm's C.E. Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children.
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The Government have also announced that by the end of January, weekly voluntary testing of primary school staff and children is planned – more information regarding this will follow when we have further official guidance.

For now I just wish for you all to stay safe and well – continue to follow government guidance. If your child has tested positive over the Christmas period please continue to isolate and email the school covidreporting@bishopaldhelms.poole.sch.uk between now and Monday 4th January 2021. From Tuesday 5th January please revert back to contacting the school by telephone 01202 715100 as soon as you have a test result or indeed if you or your child is being sent for a test.

Best wishes and thank you again for your continued support.

Mr Tait
Headteacher