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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and I would like to wish you a happy new year.

I am writing as you as you will be aware that there has been a number of headlines in the news around what will happen in schools when they open on Monday 4th January.

The government have confirmed the following so far:

1. Primary aged pupils should return to face-to-face education at the beginning of term, unless the school is in a contingency framework area and this now includes the whole of London. We are not in one of these areas so we are currently due to return on **Monday 4th January**
2. We remain in a **Tier 3** area as can be seen on the government website and all current restrictions can be found here.

As ever we will be working with BDAT to carry out the key work of keeping school as safe as possible. They have been unbelievably supportive and enabled me to get information to you through the great work of the central team.

I can appreciate with the new variant this will bring about some increased anxiety and concern. It is worthwhile remembering at the moment the rates in Bradford are low enough for us to remain in Tier 3 whilst 75% of the country have been moved to Tier 4. This will of course change and I realise that this ebb and flow and constant change is difficult for people. We will try to keep you up to speed every step of the way.

Monday 4th January:

All the staff have planned an exciting day back in school for your children and at the moment **this will go ahead**. Our hook days are very popular and always make me smile. Information on your year group and what they are doing can be found on Class Dojo or the class newsletter.

Home learning:

Given the current situation it is **vital** that you have a way for your child to complete learning at home. You can use Class Dojo or Google Classroom and we have sent links out to both of these and all the pupils have log in details. If you need some help please contact your class teacher. We can also help with paper copies, access to a chrome book, a wifi dongle and a data card if you need this.

We hope that you all remain safe and well and I will be in touch around any further developments in the next 48 hours.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Tolson

Headteacher