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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all managed to have a good Christmas despite the current situation.

I am delighted to be working with you here at Greenhaugh and looking forward to meeting you all- in a socially distanced way of course- over the next few days and weeks.

This letter is to update you all on the arrangements for the start of term. As you will be aware, there has been intense media speculation about whether schools will- or should- open in January.

Greenhaugh Primary School will be opening to all pupils from Tuesday 5th January –unless there is new national guidance issued or some other unforeseen change between now and tomorrow. Staff will continue to do their best to make school as safe an environment as possible for all children.

We have been advised to keep the windows open in school as much as possible to reduce the potential risk of the spread of virus. Please could all children wear extra layers during this very wintry weather so that they don't get too cold. Extra layers could include: vest, long sleeved T-shirt under normal school shirt or t-shirt, jumper, fleece and tights under trousers. Several thin layers work better than 1 thick layer.

I know that you will all be aware of the recent rapid increase in Covid infections in our own community- as well as the deteriorating picture nationally. While school will open this week - in line with guidance from local health officials and national Government- we are clearly in a rapidly-evolving situation and this may have to change at short notice.

Please can I urge everyone to follow all of the local restrictions which are currently in place and to maintain strict social distancing when collecting or dropping children off at school.

There will be no North Tynesides provision this week. I know that some of you rely on this after school care and we hope to restart on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from next week (12th and 13th January). It is proving difficult operationally to maintain this service so, if you do really need to use it, please could you let them know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Finally, I understand that you may have concerns about your children being in school at the moment.

If this is the case, and you wish to discuss them, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Jo Trotter