



Dear parents/carers

I am sure you are all aware that the re-opening of schools tomorrow is very much in the headlines again at the minute so I thought it would be best if I update you on the current school position. As we are in a Tier 3 area, I am pleased to share with you that we are opening school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for all our children. There will be some slight changes – detailed later in this letter.

I have spent most of the day on virtual meetings with unions, staff, local authorities, and leaders in our MAT. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you that I have reviewed our risk assessment and confirm that we are following all the current guidance and taking all the necessary precautions to ensure we operate as safely as we can do. The current headlines we are hearing do make this a worrying time, but I would like to reassure you that the number of positive cases in Leeds is significantly lower than the national which is why Leeds/West Yorkshire has not moved to a Tier 4.

The staff all agree that the best thing for our children is to have them in school and keep them in as much as a routine as possible. We will, however, be making some changes in light of the current situation:

- 🌍 ALL parents/carers entering the school grounds to drop off or pick-up children MUST wear a face covering unless they are exempt. We will be asking people not wearing coverings to confirm why they are not wearing them.
- 🌍 Only ONE adult to do the drop off and pick-ups on school grounds – we need to reduce adults on the grounds.
- 🌍 As soon as you have dropped off, please leave – no hanging around for a catch up please.
- 🌍 Turn up on time – please to not turn up early to drop off or pick up to reduce numbers of adults on the grounds.
- 🌍 If your children are able to and in KS2, arrange to meet them at the gate.
- 🌍 NO adults in the buildings unless by appointment with the office.
- 🌍 Our staff will be wearing face coverings when not in their bubbles.
- 🌍 We will be ensuring our list of key workers and vulnerable children are up to date – you may be contacted to confirm this. Please support us with this as we may be heading for a further lockdown.
- 🌍 Ensure you can access the online learning we offer – if not you need to contact school for further support. We are trying to order the devices the government promises.
- 🌍 Wrap up warm on top of/under your uniforms – we must have windows open!

If you have any queries or concerns, please use the school email address [admin@raynvilleacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@raynvilleacademy.org.uk) to contact us. Our after-school club will start tomorrow for those with a place.

Stay safe and see you tomorrow

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