



4th January 2021

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Firstly, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that the Christmas break was enjoyable despite the restrictions that we are all currently facing.

As we are sure you are aware from the media reports over the last few days, there has been significant action taken by many of the teaching unions which may affect our ability to open our school as planned.

Whilst we have robust risk assessments in place and consider our school to be a safe place to learn, we also must have enough staff available to teach your child on site. Our intention is, as directed by the government and in line with public health advice, to stay open. However, this is a fast changing situation and we cannot rule out the possibility of some children being sent home due to staffing levels. In this eventuality, children will engage in online remote learning. The school will continue to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers.

Given that the situation is constantly changing, I would therefore ask that you plan for every eventuality in relation to childcare. We will do all that we can to prioritise the opening of the school to all children as planned. Decisions will always be made as soon as we are able to but may be as late as when you are dropping your child off. We will endeavour to work through this as quickly as possible and communicate future arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

To enable us to plan for possible partial closure, we are asking that parents who are key workers contact us ASAP on the email address below with the following:

- Child's name and class
- Key Worker role and company (ID may be required)
- Days required for child to attend school

Covid19@raynvilleacademy.org.uk

In order to reduce the risk of transmission, if you are a key worker but are able to arrange alternative childcare, please do so.

Yours sincerely

A Midgley