



1st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have managed to have a relaxing break, even if it was very different to the one you may have originally planned.

On Wednesday, like many of you I am sure, I watched the latest Government announcements on the plans for stricter requirements and school openings. Please see the link below for further information on tier restrictions:

Local restriction tiers: what you need to know - [Tier 4: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home)

In line with this guidance, I can confirm that the plan for Tatworth Primary remains unchanged and we are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school as planned on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

During the autumn term 2020, we were able to minimise the disruption to the children's teaching and learning through thorough school procedures, the incredible effort of the whole team and the support of all of you as families. We were able to make school as safe as possible by working together and we ask that you continue to be vigilant to the symptoms of COVID-19 and act accordingly. It is therefore essential that **your child does not come to school** if any member of the household is showing any symptoms until they are tested and a negative result received.

I have included below a summary of the NHS guidance on the symptoms of COVID-19 in children and attached to this message a poster reminding us of the Tier 4 guidance. The school office email box tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk is monitored daily for urgent COVID-19 related communications. All general enquiries will be addressed when term starts on the 5th January.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

I would like to reassure you that as always, we have been working hard to make sure that our school procedures are in line with the changing guidance. During the holiday period we have continued to make sure Tatworth Primary is as prepared and safe as possible:

- The school is cleaned and ready for the children to return
- The COVID risk assessment has been updated and will be shared with all staff before the children come back on the 5th
- Some time on the Inset Day will be used to ensure we refresh ourselves with our COVID-safe procedures and any changes following our move into Tier 4.

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We continue to request families support us by:

- Following self-isolation expectations or those from Track and Trace
- Following the specified staggered start and end of day times introduced in the autumn term. This includes all **year 5 and 6 children coming to school between 8.40 am and 8.50 am** with the exception of those with younger siblings with the earlier staggered start, who can wait in the playground from 8.38 am
- Adhering to social distancing and not congregating unnecessarily. We also still recommend all adults wear face masks or shields too, as well as ensuring that only one person drop or collect your child from school
- Ensuring we have all the correct contact details for your child, so that we can contact you immediately should we need to
- Activating the remote learning email address for your child.

I attach the Tier 4 poster for your information and the local support groups, which may be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or queries and we will endeavour to reply at the start of the new term.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
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