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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce that school will re-open for **all year groups** from **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. The closing of our school was not a decision that was taken lightly, however with the number of positive cases across the school and staff shortages, the governing body and I felt it was the best option in helping slow and prevent the spread of the virus to protect our pupils, staff, parents and carers.

We are hoping that we do not have to take this course of action again and have taken additional precautions in school to try and ensure that we do not. Unfortunately, it still stands that if there are any further positive cases in school then we still may have to close classes or year groups. All decisions are taken following guidance from Public Health.

To support the reopening of our school we have a few announcements:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day (We thought this will save you having to wash uniforms after one day!)
- Breakfast and afterschool club will start again from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- As stated on the Christmas letter, children can bring in Christmas cards Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- The photographs and personalised Christmas gifts have arrived and will be sent home on Friday.

We remind you of the following procedures when on school site:

- Wear a facemask at all times
- Adhere to the one-way system
- Social distance from other people
- Only one parent to bring and collect their child/children
- Adhere to our queuing system to escort your child/children to their usual gate where a member of staff on duty will direct your child into the school building.
- Please leave the site immediately after dropping off your child/children this will minimise the number of people on site at one time.
- Do not enter main reception unless necessary – only one person allowed at a time, please queue up outside by the sign.

If you have any questions before Thursday, please contact us via the school email address:

[rakegate.primary@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:rakegate.primary@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Thank you for all your kind words and support during this difficult time, it has been greatly appreciated. I am sure that you will join me in wishing a speedy recovery to all those who are suffering from the virus.

Let us hope we can get through to the Christmas holidays with minimal disruption.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton

Headteacher

