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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to update you with regards to our plans for the start of next week. As you will know, on the last day of last term and throughout the Christmas break there have been several announcements from the government regarding the opening of schools and the introduction of a national coronavirus testing programme in schools.

Under the new guidance, Glebe will be open from Tuesday 5th January but please be aware that due to the soaring infection rates in Bromley, the local authority has been placed into a specific Contingency Framework. Within this guidance, the government are stating that all students should be attending, however they are also aware that some parents may not be willing to send their child into school whilst the infection rates are so high. If you wish to keep your child off whilst the Contingency Framework for Bromley is in place, then please notify the school ASAP and we will ensure online work is set-up during this time. The framework is due to be reviewed once again on 18th January and we can update parents again following this review.

We would also request that parents do not send their child into school if they are clinically extremely vulnerable. Also no student should attend if they, or anyone in their household, is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. As you can appreciate with the soaring infection rates, we need to safeguard other students and staff at this challenging time. If you do decide to send your child in, even though they are exhibiting symptoms, then they will not be allowed to enter the school and will be sent home immediately.

Next week is critical for us, as all of our efforts will be focused on setting up the COVID-19 testing programme ready for the 11th January. A letter with more information about testing and whether you consent will be sent early next week.

I hope you see that we are trying to ensure that safety is paramount for all children, their families and our staff and we hope that you are supportive of our approach.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy New Year and good health.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Travis

Headteacher

