



**31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and have been able to enjoy a peaceful Christmas break, despite the current situation.

You will no doubt be aware of yesterday's Government announcement regarding the new tier arrangements for specific areas within the UK. All schools within the Trust have now been placed into Tier 4 restricted areas, apart from Stanley Road Primary School, who have been moved into Tier 3.

Please see the link below for further information on tier restrictions:

[Local restriction tiers: what you need to know - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know)

**In line with this guidance, I can confirm that all schools within the Trust will be opening to all pupils, as planned on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of January.**

Guidance has been updated regarding children who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable for schools within Tier 4 areas. Parents of children within our schools who fall under this category will be contacted directly by individual schools to confirm arrangements for the new term.

Please ensure that there is only one person dropping off or collecting your child(ren) from school. When on the school site, please wear a face mask and ensure that you adhere to social distancing at all times. It remains as important as ever that Covid-19 safe practices are followed by everyone, and good hygiene is critical to ensure that everyone in our school communities can remain safe. If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19, you must keep them at home, get a test and follow the guidance.

I would like to reassure you that as always, we have been working hard to make sure that our school risk assessments are continually updated in line with the changing guidance to enable our schools to remain safe environments in which your children can continue to learn, be happy and flourish in their education.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated, and we will continue to ensure that you are kept updated with any guidance developments regarding the Covid-19 pandemic which affect your child in school.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy new year!

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amarjit Cheema'.

Amarjit Cheema OBE