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Let your light shine



**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**
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EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER: MR. A. ORLIK

1st January, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Blue Coat Infant and Junior Schools to re-open as planned on Monday 4th January, 2021

I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful time over the school holiday.

I am writing to confirm, in line with Government guidance, that the **Infant and Junior Schools will be fully re-opening** for the children as planned on **Monday 4th January**.

Walsall has now been placed into Tier 4 which means that all Walsall residents must stay at home except for certain reasons detailed by the Government here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

Primary Schools are remaining open in Tier 4 areas except for those in specific areas considered to be at particularly high risk of increasing infection as detailed by the Government. Walsall is not currently one of these specific areas and so **all Walsall Primary Schools are expected to open as planned for the Spring Term**. *Please note the situation is different for secondary schools and colleges (including Blue Coat Academy) – if you have secondary aged children, please consult your child's secondary school or college for details about their start of term provision.*

Please be aware that the Government can change its guidance at very short notice. We will inform you if the situation changes for the Infant and Junior Schools as quickly as we can. You can view the Government's latest guidance for parents/carers here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Keeping the community safe and the schools open

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. However, please continue to follow the COVID restrictions closely. **If your child or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, is waiting for a COVID test result or has tested positive for COVID, your child must not come back to school until the proper isolation period has been completed as advised by the NHS.** I must stress the importance of following this at all times otherwise you will be putting the Blue Coat children, staff and wider community at risk of infection which could lead to year group or school closures.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a happy new year! My thoughts and prayers are with our whole community as we continue to face immensely challenging times together.

Yours sincerely,

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