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Principal: Jonathan Morris 31.12.2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I hope you are well and you have managed to enjoy the festive break as best you can under the current tier 4 restrictions. I am mindful that this period has been very different for us all, our families, friends and our academy community but I am extremely hopeful and optimistic that 2021 will prove to be a far better year for us all.

I am writing further to my recent communications to inform you of what the government's announcement on Wednesday 30 December 2020 means for our academy. The headlines are:

- The academy community remain under tier 4 restrictions.
- The INSET day that has been arranged on Monday 4 January 2021 will continue as planned for staff training and other planning purposes.
- The academy will be closed to all pupils apart from the children of critical workers and specifically identified children from Tuesday 5 January 2021, reopening on Monday 18 January 2021 at the earliest (subject to government review and advice).
- Remote learning will be provided to pupils from Tuesday 5 January 2021 until Friday 15 January 2021. (<a href="https://www.silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum-contingency-plan">https://www.silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum-contingency-plan</a>) Term 3 information will be updated ASAP.
- Families eligible for free school meals will be able to collect Free School Meal parcels from the academy. Eligible families will be contacted by Tuesday 5 January 2021 to confirm the collection arrangements.
- Both breakfast club and after school club will continue to run for those children in attendance. Information will follow ASAP as to how to book your child in for these sessions.

It is essential that we know who all our Critical Worker/ vulnerable families are. A questionnaire was previously sent out in October. If you completed this then you do NOT need to complete again, however, if you have not completed this and you believe that you now qualify as a Critical Worker/ vulnerable family then please follow the link below.

## https://tinyurl.com/y2rmzdk2

Information to book your child in to school for the following two weeks will be sent out shortly after this letter to all families who have previously completed the online form declaring themselves as Critical workers or to families classified as vulnerable. It is essential that you please complete our online form by Sunday 3 January 2021 to confirm your child's attendance.

I wish you all a very safe and peaceful remainder of this holiday period and a very Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Morris Principal