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Dear all,

Following the government announcement yesterday, I felt I should update you regarding our return to school next week.

Somerset is now in Tier 4 and the government announced that some Primary schools in Tier 4 would not be returning to school. Somerset is not currently one of those areas, however, so all pupils should return to St. Benedict's as usual next Tuesday, 5th January. Please remember that there will be no school on Monday 4th as it is an INSET Day.

As a school we empathise with the anxiety that many of you may be feeling, but the government guidance is that all pupils in schools that are open should be attending daily. If your child is ill, or has COVID-19 symptoms (new, continuous cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell), please let us know, or if they need to isolate due to someone else in their household testing positive or showing symptoms, please let us know.

Please note that while we may sympathise with parents/ carers who opt to keep their children off school due to wider concerns about the virus, we are not able to authorise this absence and we are not able to provide work. If you do have concerns and wish to discuss them, please contact me.

As we have entered Tier 4, it is more important than ever that we adhere to guidelines regarding keeping ourselves and others safe. Please remind your child/ren of the safety measures at school and observe them yourselves when dropping off and collecting.

With the vaccine up and running, I am hopeful that we can start to tackle Coronavirus, but we must remain cautious to ensure the safety of our school community.

May I wish you all a Happy New Year and say a huge thank you for all your support in 2020. It may have been a tough year, but as a community, we have got through it together!

I wish you all peace, health and happiness for 2021.

Best wishes,

Mr Ranger