



## Broadwood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, can I begin by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you have had a safe and happy holiday despite the challenging and uncertain times we are currently living in.

I am sure you are aware of the headlines this week regarding primary schools and whether it is safe for them to open. The Government believe it is currently safe for primary schools in Newcastle to open, although this may change in upcoming weeks.

Staff have been asked to make very difficult decisions this weekend and I am delighted to inform you that **we will be able to open for all children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

It is Government expectation that **all** children attend school unless they are poorly or are required to isolate. Isolation is now 10 days!

We do appreciate cases regarding Covid 19 have increased in recent weeks and, as a school, we will continue to do our utmost to keep the school community safe. Measures in school will become even tighter and we might need to change systems for this to happen. You will be informed of the details tomorrow if these changes affect families. Our Risk Assessment is constantly reviewed and shared with relevant bodies.

As a staff we remain positive, committed to doing the very best for the children and to create a happy place for the children to learn.

As you may also be aware, the Government are asking schools, including primary schools, to roll out mass testing for Covid19 as a measure to control the virus. We will keep you informed as soon as we receive further information. Secondary schools are currently priority in order that they can test older children.

Please follow the link below to read a statement from Mark Patton, Assistant Director of Education for Newcastle upon Tyne.

[https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/education/advice-schools-and-parents?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm\\_content=Coronavirus](https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/education/advice-schools-and-parents?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Coronavirus)

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have a question or a concern.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wendy Mitcheson  
Headteacher

