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Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School in January 2021

I do hope you all had a healthy and happy Christmas.

As most of you will no doubt be aware, yesterday the Government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings would be required in certain areas. **We are an Ashford school and therefore these restrictions do apply to us at Chilham St Mary's.**

Children **will not** be returning to school on 5th January as per my correspondence with you at the end of last term. Instead the start of term 3 will be **delayed until 18th January 2021**, pending further advice and guidance from the Government.

Only vulnerable children and children of critical workers will be able to return to school on 5th January, in line with Government guidance. We will be sending out a letter later today to ascertain who those children will be and what level of support parents will need for their child to enable them to go to work.

We will be providing remote education for all other children through Seesaw for Herons, Martins and Peacocks and Tapestry for Wrens.

I will write out to you again with more detailed information in due course. Please do ensure you keep an eye on your Parentmail notifications and communications. If you have any concerns or queries at this stage, do please email me at headteacher@chilham.kent.sch.uk

I wish you all a happy New Year and thank you all for your support at this time.

Kindest regards

Headteacher

