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## Update from Bretforton Village School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during our enforced period of closure due to the Covid cases in school. We will be reopening to those children of critical worker parents who were attending before the closure, on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. As before, children should arrive at school NO EARLIER THAN 8.50am. The school gates will be open until 9.00am. Children must not be left unsupervised at any time before we are open.

Before your child returns to school, can we please ask that you remind them of the importance of hand washing, hygiene and most importantly of all, social distancing. We appreciate that it is difficult, particularly for the younger children to understand these guidelines, but in order to minimise the possibility of the school closing again, we will need to follow them as closely as we can. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

As I have said before, the childcare provision in school is to be used only by those parents who are critical workers. The more children we have in school, the more likely it is that we may have another outbreak. I completely understand that remote learning is a challenge for parents, particularly when so many of you are having to work from home, but the national lockdown was specifically aimed to reduce the movement of people and thus reduce the movement of the virus. Please only request places in school if you absolutely need them.

Unfortunately, owing to continued staff illness, we have had to change our timetables for this week and as a result, there will be no Zoom meeting for Polar Bears on Wednesday as Miss Barnett will be in school on that day. We are hoping to resume normal service from w/c 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Once again, may I thank you for your understanding in these very difficult times and also thank you to those parents who have sent very supportive messages to the staff – we really do appreciate it.

Warm regards

Mr K Riley

Head of School

