



## Headteacher's Update 04.01.21



Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the Christmas holidays, I have been considering carefully all of the advice coming out from central government, Public Health England as well as many other organisations locally and nationally. Also, I have consulted with staff and Governors. At this point in time, so much is unclear. However, what I am very clear upon is that the health and safety of all our pupils and staff, as well as all our wider families is paramount.

Therefore, between Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 there will be no 'face to face teaching' at Longwill, except for children of critical workers and those most vulnerable. We have contacted every parent to discuss your individual child's needs and also coordinate home learning and transport arrangements for school (where appropriate).

This has been a very difficult decision to make and I am so sorry that we have had to make it at such a late stage. I understand the impact that this will have on families and I know the children will be disappointed that they cannot come back into school as planned. I hope you understand why we have taken this action.

We will always support our Longwill children and families in whatever way we can. Please expect to hear from your child's teacher today and regularly over the coming days. They will be setting up teaching sessions with your child via TEAMS (as we did in the lockdown last spring and summer), so please do ensure that the app is still downloaded on your devices. If you have any problems with IT connectivity, then please contact me and we will do what we can to support individual families.

I will be in touch with a further update on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Please take care in these difficult times

Best wishes,

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