



# WELLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! Here is hoping that this year will see some positive changes to the current situation to get our lives back to normal.

As you may have heard on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December, the Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has announced that the majority of primary schools will be open from next week. I am writing to confirm that Welland Academy will start their term next week and that all children should come back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. All clubs, including breakfast club will still take place.

I understand that some of you may be concerned about the return to school and I can assure you we will continue to review our operating procedures and risk assessments in line with any guidance that the Government provides.

Being in education is vital for children's development and wellbeing. Time spent out of settings is detrimental to children's learning, development and wellbeing, particularly for disadvantaged children. In line with government expectations, we expect pupils to attend school. If you are concerned about the safety of your child returning please contact us for further advice on the precautions we are taking. For all children attending Welland Academy, attendance remains compulsory.

It is important that all parents continue to observe social distancing rules both on school premises and in all places outside of your own home in line with the tier 4 arrangements. I would like to remind all parents/carers to continue to wear face coverings when coming on site to collect their child and that only 1 parent/carer comes onto the school grounds. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, I request that you do this via the school office to minimise any contact.

In the meantime, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this challenging situation. We look forward to seeing your children next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anderson  
Principal

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