



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are enjoying New Year's Eve and have some celebrations planned with your family tonight.

As you will have heard in the press, Gavin Williamson has made various announcements regarding the opening of schools next week.

The Government initiative of mass testing in schools is a current issue that needs resolving. There have been a couple of meetings in the holidays with the LA for school leaders to help make sense of the confusing and vague guidance that has come from central government; we are still waiting for the Special School guidance that has been promised.

In liaison with the team across the Trust, to reassure you, we will not be testing any pupil or any member of staff until we are absolutely clear of governance and procedures and after a full risk assessment has taken place.

The Headteachers of both schools within Propeller Academy Trust met with our Chief Operations Officer this afternoon to go through the various options for opening the schools next week.

**With that in mind, we will be opening for all children and staff as planned on Tuesday 5th January unless there is further clear communication from central government that we are not to.**

Our operating procedures that were in place before the Christmas Break will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

The INSET day will go ahead as originally planned and we plan to update everyone before the end of the school day on Monday to confirm the arrangements for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

If you have any concerns around sending your child back to school on Tuesday, please call or email the office and someone will get back to you on Monday to discuss the options available to you and your child.

Yours faithfully

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**Stephanie Coneboy**  
Headteacher Fitzwaryn School

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**Lorraine Wilson**  
Headteacher Kingfisher School