Dear Parents and Carers

**Returning to School:**

As I write to you, the situation locally remains unchanged regarding the opening of primary schools in England. As such, Towngate will be fully open as normal tomorrow and we will be pleased to welcome your child back into school.

Please arrive at the staggered start times as set out before the holidays and please use the allocated entrances onto the school site. As before, it is even more important to socially distance on site and wear face coverings. Please make sure that you wear a face covering at all times on site and keep a 2 metres distance from others. Please also make sure that you do not approach staff on the door – keeping the 2 metres distance here too. We want to keep everyone as safe as we can, to keep our school open for our children and families. Please remember that children should not bring any additional items into school from home and remember that children should wear their PE kit on their PE days. The weather is colder now, and as before we need to keep rooms well ventilated. Please do wrap your child up warmly. Vests, long sleeved t shirts under their uniform and body warmers are all good ideas.

**Moving to Remote Learning:**

Should the situation change over the next few days or weeks and the school be required to partially close, we will move straight to remote learning. You will be able to access this as you did before through the Microsoft Teams and SeeSaw. We will operate the same system as we have done with previous bubble closures, with a daily registration and learning clinic, a series of lessons on Teams and also practice tasks and activities shared on SeeSaw. This will be the case whether the school is partially closed or fully open.

**Requesting a place for critical worker/vulnerable children or a device for home learning:**

Alongside the remote provision, we will be teaching the children of critical workers and those children who are vulnerable face to face in school every day. Please complete the Microsoft Form via the link in the email if you think you will be eligible for a place in school and you would like to request one. Please complete this form now, in readiness for any sudden partial closure of primary schools so that we can be ready to accept your child. **This form needs to be returned by Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

As always, we appreciate your support with this changing situation.

Kind regards,

**Miss L Eke – Acting Headteacher**

**Towngate Primary Academy**