



The White Rose Federation

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring term. I hope that this term remains as calm and uneventful as the Autumn term, although we are all too aware of how the COVID pandemic can change plans at a moment's notice.

You may be aware that the topic of schools returning tomorrow is currently high profile on the news and we are writing to update you regarding the position of each school within the federation.

After careful consideration of the local data, union advice and staff feedback, we have decided that each school in the federation will be **open as normal tomorrow**. We currently feel that this is the appropriate action for our schools, supported by no positive COVID cases reported to us since the pandemic began.

However, we are acutely aware that cases are rising and that there is a new strain of the virus moving towards the north of the country. If circumstances change, we will move to close the schools and switch to online learning, only remaining open for vulnerable and keyworker children. If this does happen, the uniqueness of our situation may mean that this may happen quickly, with limited notice.

Our risk assessments have been updated and you will see staff taking further measures to safeguard themselves whilst in school. The drop off and collection procedures will remain the same and we remind parents to ensure that masks are worn whilst on site.

Should you have any further questions, please email your base school using the admin email address above and we will respond as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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