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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to assure you that we hope to open Woodside in the week commencing Monday 4th January and as quickly as possible given recent developments this week.

You may be aware that Bexley is in an identified high transmission area. Therefore, it is vital that we quickly set up a testing programme for staff and secondary pupils (with consent). The government have advised us that testing kits are due to be delivered to the school on Monday 4th January.

Please be advised that the return of children to school will be phased across the next week so that they can attend school on site and as soon as possible. Your child will continue to have access to remote learning until their start date. We will be in a better position to confirm year group start dates once the testing kits have arrived on Monday and once we have been able to establish the capacity of our workforce after the holiday.

All children are encouraged to attend school and we are looking forward to their return. However, please note that current government guidance states the following:

***'If the parent of a special school pupil wishes for their child to be absent from school, the parent should let the school know in advance that the pupil will not be attending and that they are making an application for a leave of absence.'***

If it is your wish for your child to be absent from school, then please email [office@bwf.education](mailto:office@bwf.education) before Tuesday 5th January.

I will update you again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

I hope that you have all had some peace and joy over the Christmas period. No doubt we are facing challenges ahead but we are not facing them alone.

With best wishes to you and your families for 2021.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs K Freame**  
Head of School