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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all managed to have a relaxing Christmas break.

You may have seen the Secretary of State's announcement this evening regarding the return to school in January for pupils. He shared that COVID case rates are rapidly rising across the country. In response to this, and in order to help contain the community transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to Primary Education settings are required in certain areas. Merton Primary Schools have been identified as needing to follow the Contingency Framework. Therefore, St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School will only be open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children from Tuesday 5th January 2021. Please be assured that remote education will be provided for all other pupils.

Whilst I hold a previous list of critical workers, this may well be out of date, and I therefore need to identify those children who will be attending school. I would be grateful if you could email office@st-thomascanterbury.merton.sch.uk by **Sunday 3rd January 2021**, advising if you fall into the category of a critical worker, together with confirmation of your key worker status.

The Senior Leadership Team will be meeting to discuss the implications of this and I will endeavour to give you further information following this meeting.

Kind regards

Mrs Tucker
Head Teacher