

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

First and foremost, we would like to wish you all a happy new year. We hope you were able to spend some time, either in person or virtually, with family, friends and loved ones.

There has been considerable speculation over the weekend about the possible closure of primary schools nationally. After consultation with staff and governors, I am pleased to inform you that **we are able to open at full capacity as planned on Tuesday, including both Breakfast Club and After School Club.**

**School is closed to all pupils on Monday (tomorrow) as this is a planned staff training day.**

We will always aim to provide you with as much information and notice as is practically possible where change to provision is necessary. We must however stress that sometimes such matters are simply outside of our control. **Please therefore be prepared for all eventualities, particularly over the next few weeks.**

We regularly review our **risk assessments and protective measures** to reflect the current guidance. All of the existing protective measures that we have in place to keep children, staff and parents safe will continue to be implemented.

Our greatest achievement to date is that we have not yet had a positive case in any of our children, despite a high level of Covid in the community. We are one of very few schools in Northumberland where this is the case. Although there is a certain inevitability that we will have a positive case, we must continue to work hard to keep our school Covid free for as long as possible.

With that in mind, parents and carers are reminded that they must wear a face covering while on the school site, unless exempt from doing so. Although we have been asking parents and carers to do this from November, it is still not being done by a small minority. **Please note it is compulsory for parents and carers to wear a face covering while on the school site, including outside all classrooms and on all routes to and from classrooms.**

Information will be shared with you via the following methods-

- School Gateway (text and email)
- the school website [www.seghill.northumberland.sch.uk/website](http://www.seghill.northumberland.sch.uk/website)
- the school Facebook page [www.facebook.com/seghillschool/](https://www.facebook.com/seghillschool/)

Please use the school admin email address if you need to contact us [admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Chappell  
Headteacher

Mrs Hall  
Chair of Governors