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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I thank you for your many messages of support at this difficult and uncertain time.

As yet, there have been no further announcements from the government but directors from York local authority and Public Health have today issued a joint statement which upholds the view that our primary schools continue to be safe places for our pupils and staff.

Staff have continued to consult with their unions on concerns around the significant rise in Covid 19 cases and the emergence of the more infectious new variant both locally and nationally.

With all of this in mind, I am now able to share with you our plans for the start of term based on our current staffing capacity. This takes account of staff members who are self-isolating and those who have chosen to follow union guidance.

All staff members have been allocated to one single year group bubble and roles allocated accordingly within these bubbles.

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| Reception | Mrs Gilderdale and Mrs Midgley |
| Year 1 | Miss Jarvis and Mrs Perks |
| Year 2 | Mr Gargiulo, Mrs Abbott, Mrs Rowntree and Mrs Birkenshaw |
| Year 3 | Mrs Todd, Mrs Jones, Miss Sugden and Mrs Collins |
| Year 4 | Mrs Priest, Mrs Subritzky and Mrs Downing |
| Year 5 | Mrs Elliott and Mrs Lockwood |
| Year 6 | Mrs Dickenson and Miss Dunn |

From Tuesday 5th January, school will be open for all pupils in **Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**. Pupils in these year groups should be dropped off and collected as they were prior to the Christmas break. Only children required to self-isolate in these year groups will be provided with remote learning.

For most pupils in **Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**, learning will be delivered remotely via Google Classroom.

Pupils in these year groups should remain at home unless they are identified by the school as vulnerable or they have parents who meet the critical worker criteria. All parents that completed the online Critical Worker form have now been allocated places in discrete year group provision. Drop off and collection arrangements for these pupils will continue as they were prior to the Christmas break.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, or you wish to make us aware of specific circumstances which are new or we need to be aware of, please contact me directly by email on head.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk.

Lessons will be provided via the Google Classroom platform for all pupils in these year groups, regardless of whether they are in school or at home. Pupils working from home should log in to Google Classroom tomorrow morning. They will find an overview for the week which explains details of each daily task, where to record the task and how feedback will be provided. Supporting resources will also be uploaded each day to Google Classroom.

If parents require any support with matters relating to remote learning, please contact the members of staff below in the first instance.

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| Year 4 | Mrs Priest katie.sheard@dunnington.yorkschoools.net |
| Year 5 | Mrs Elliott tracey.elliott@dunnington.yorkschoools.net |
| Year 6 | Miss Dickenson rachel.dickenson@dunnington.yorkschoools.net Miss Dunn Jessica.dunn@dunnington.yorkschoools.net |

Lunch arrangements remain unchanged for children who are in school. I will make direct contact with any families with children in Years 4, 5 or 6 who are eligible for free school meals.

Children should also have warm, outdoor PE kit in school every day.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We do hope that these plans will only be necessary in the short term and that we can soon resume on-site learning for all groups of children as before Christmas.

I will endeavour to keep you informed of any further developments as, and if, they arise.

With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy