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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have managed at least some normality over the Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year.

You may have seen in the media that there has been a lot of debate about reopening primary schools fully from tomorrow, Monday, 4th January. Schools in some parts of the South East will be moving to remote learning while others will be opening so far as possible as normal. The different teaching and headteacher unions have questioned the Government's advice that most primary schools should open. We have also received some emails about your concerns for your children returning to school with the high rates of the virus in the Lewes area.

After much discussion of the right course of action and in the light of the concerns of staff, we have concluded that Western Road School will not be able to open to all pupils on Monday, 4 January. We have therefore taken the difficult decision to move to online learning from Monday, 4th January for the first week of term, with a review the situation on Friday, 8th January. Your child's classteacher will post a message on Seesaw/Tapestry tomorrow (Monday) with information about the week's remote learning.

We will, however, remain open for keyworker children and children with some additional need. So that we can plan effectively, it would be very helpful if you would **please email Mrs Wooler at head@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk as soon as possible, preferably tonight, Sunday, 3rd January, and no later than 8.30am tomorrow, Monday, morning.**

This is a very difficult situation. In the circumstances, however, we have no choice but to remain open only for keyworker children and those with additional needs. We know that will inconvenience some of you even as it reassures others. Please accept our apologies for this short notice and please know this decision is not taken lightly.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this time.

Kind regards,

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