



## WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to keep you informed of the current position re school opening at SJB.

At this moment in time we are expecting to open tomorrow as planned. As mentioned in the previous correspondence, we recognise that some families will need to isolate/shield at this time. We ask that you let us know and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We are going to be working very hard in the next few days to prepare the children for possible remote learning in the case of bubble or whole school closure. Please bear with us as we juggle whole class teaching, supporting children not in school due to the need to self-isolate and preparing children for possible longer periods of remote learning as a whole class. We are taking one step at a time as quickly as we can.

Sadly we have also been dealing with a school break in last night and responding to that today (see across the page).

Though we plan to open tomorrow, we are responding to a changing situation and cannot rule out the need to close at some point.

Kind regards,  
Helen Pearson

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### Upsetting News

Yesterday evening, as I was in communication with the Senior Team, governors, and corresponding with you, our parent/carers in these uncertain times, I was called out to school. Sadly the school had been broken into. This is the second break in over the holidays. The first break took place on New Year's Day. This involved access into the Year 2 classroom through the outside doors. It was a fairly clean break in and the school lost a laptop. Little damage was done. The break in yesterday caused a lot more damage. Intruders had accessed the back of the building breaking windows into the Year 1 classroom, Breakfast room and SENCo room. There are a few missing laptops but generally it appears to be vandalism - tables and chairs tipped upside down, a fridge thrown over, damaged white board, broken glass, cleaning products sprayed around the surfaces and walls.

It is upsetting when this happens at any time to anyone. It is particularly upsetting when it is aimed at a school-our children and at this time when everyone is rallying to support each other in the community. If you have any information which could help track the perpetrators please let us know or contact Cumbria Police tel 101 (Crime Reference CP-20210103-0167)

As I write the police are still here and we, amongst other things, are seeking to put the areas affected back together. During these times you also see the best in people and I cannot thank enough those who have responded and come to our aid so quickly - police, security team, builders. I am also thankful that all the damaged items can be replaced and no one has been hurt.