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26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



I wanted to begin this letter today by acknowledging the incredible achievement you have ALL made in terms of supporting the children through the latest period of lockdown enforced home learning and indeed over the last 12 months. I know that there will have been many times when for you and your children, it has been an incredibly difficult period, but you have continued to support and help your children through this. Considering this is a situation that none of us have ever experienced, I do hope you take a moment to acknowledge to yourselves this incredible achievement.



Obviously, we are all hoping we are heading towards the end of the last period of lockdown and that from Monday 8th March, the children will be back and that no further lockdowns will be required. As we are all aware, the pandemic is still ongoing and together we need to continue to take the necessary measures as advised by the government to support each other and our children by ensuring we all do 'our bit' to keep the virus contained and numbers continuing to fall.

On Monday I will be writing to you to give you finalised details for how we are reopening the school on Monday 8th March to all pupils. This will be a long letter, but I thought it would be useful prior to this to share a general overview.



On Monday the 8th March we will be implementing all of the same processes that were in place between September and December - leading into just before Christmas. Drop off and pick up will remain as it was, children will need to wear layers under their school uniform, classes will be in 'bubbles/pods' and the school day will remain as it was before Christmas. On Monday, as I said earlier, I will write to you with a reminder of these processes and procedures and all of the details relating to your child and their specific class.



To reassure you of the measures the school is taking to make it as COVID secure an environment as possible, I thought I would list some of the key measures we are taking and again, a comprehensive overview will follow on Monday:

- Hand washing - before school, before break, before lunch, after ALL playtimes/outdoor breaks, during the afternoon and end of the day (minimum)



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- Social distancing between class bubbles/pods - staggered playtimes, lunches etc.
- Ongoing and increased cleaning throughout the school day.
- Mask/visor wearing by staff - mainly for moving around the building and where 2m social distancing is difficult to maintain for adults. Children do not need to wear a mask.
- Lateral Flow Testing twice weekly for staff - this has been in place for 4 weeks now and is designed to pick up virus before staff become symptomatic.

I hope these measures and the others I will outline on Monday, reassure you that we are making the school as COVID secure as possible.

In addition, please can I remind you that if your child displays any symptoms of COVID or even if you are unsure, please do not send them into school and if you want to talk it through, please do phone school for advice and support.

Most of all, I wish to emphasise how excited we are about having all of the children back and I know it will be great to see all of them!

Thank you sincerely for your support throughout this challenging and often rapidly changing situation - we really do appreciate it.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend and the sunshine that is forecast.

Very best wishes,

Mr Fugill  
Executive Headteacher

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