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Reopening of school to ALL pupils on Monday 8th March

Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter on Friday 26th February, I am pleased to share some further information about the wider opening of school to all pupils next week.

We are delighted to be able to welcome back all of our children and we are very keen to be all together once again!

Our priority as always is the safety of your children and of our whole community.

The arrangements for school will be very similar to those in place before Christmas, with many crucial safety measures in place:

Children will continue to be kept within year group 'bubbles'. These bubbles will be kept completely separate from each other at all times. Within their year group, children will be able to have a 'normal' school experience, with a full, challenging and engaging curriculum. They will be able to interact with their friends and teachers and benefit from the social and emotional experience of school once again.

Some other important things we will continue to do at the start of term are:

- Washing our hands and sanitising regularly.
- Keeping our children in secure bubbles.
- Promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it respiratory hygiene measures.
- Restricting non-essential visitors to school.
- Having separate playtimes and staggering lunchtimes to stop classes mixing together.
- Rearranging our classrooms so that pupils are not facing each other in KS1 and KS2.
- Giving each child their own individual equipment.
- Keeping the one way systems around school.
- Having cleaning staff working throughout the day to ensure our toilets and other shared areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Following strict guidelines around reporting symptoms of Covid-19.

- Staff will continue their compulsory wearing of face coverings in all communal areas of school, with the exception of the classroom.

These measures were largely successful in minimising risks and preventing the wider spread of infection before Christmas. Now there are also several additional measures in place, which have been added since January. For example, all staff and any regular visitors are asked to take a Lateral Flow Test twice per week. We will also be making important changes to the arrangements for dropping off and hometimes.

Please be reassured that we have put all necessary measures in place to welcome ALL children back to school and we cannot wait to see them all again on Monday 8th March. The whole staff are committed to ensuring our children are safe, happy and enjoying their learning once again.

I will write to you again tomorrow with details of the changes to the dropping off and hometime arrangements for your children.

Kind Regards

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher