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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am very excited to be writing this letter to explain the plan for fully re-opening school to all children, on Monday 8th March, as per the latest Government guidance.

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. As before, we need to adhere to the guidelines from the government.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive. If someone in the household is being tested, they should not return to school unless the result is negative
- Have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please provide school with evidence of the shielding letter if this is the case.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. The measures in place are the same as they were in the Autumn term, with classes remaining in separate bubbles. We do have the added measure of staff self-administering lateral flow Covid tests, which are provided an added reassurance. As



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before in the Autumn Term, we'll be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

- Drop off and collection times continue to be staggered. Key stage 2 children can arrive between 8.55 and 9.05 am and Key Stage 1 between 9.05 am and 9.10 am. If you have children in both key stages, they can be dropped off at the same time between the two drop off times.
- Children need to be at school on time so that learning can commence straight away. Any child arriving later than 9.10 am will be recorded as late in the register. We want to make the most of every learning minute in school, so this is important to us.
- Collection times will be staggered too, with Key Stage 1 children able to be collected from 2.55-3.05 pm and Key Stage 2 between 3.05 and 3.15pm.
- Only 1 adult should drop off/pick up, to reduce the number of people around school with our small premises. Parents will not be admitted onto the school grounds at the start of the day to keep a smooth flow and to disperse crowds.
- Staff will meet and greet your child at the designated year group gate and children will be able to go straight into their classrooms. We continue to implement our designated collection zones at the end of the school day and children will not be mixing with other class bubbles during the school day.
- If you need help or if your child is understandably reluctant to come into school after such a long absence, please seek help from a member of available staff who is out on



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the yard. We will make sure there are plenty of us around at the start and end of the day to support you in any way and to answer your questions.

- It is important that times are adhered to and that time on the playground to collect your child at the end of the day is limited to an absolute minimum. If you would like to see your child's class teacher, an appointment can be made.
- School dinners will be provided for children requiring a hot dinner or for free school meals. These will be delivered to the classroom for the child to eat in their separate bubbles.
- Children should be in full school uniform. They will need to have a PE kit in school at all times as staff will be doing lots of things to keep the children active.
- Under the current government guidelines for schools, it states that your child should not wear a facemask. Staff will wear facemasks and protective equipment, if they need to come into close contact with a child e.g. when administering First Aid. If this advice changes, we will let you know by updating our guidelines. Face masks should be worn around the school site and on the playground at home time.
- If your child develops symptoms, whilst at school, they will be sent home immediately and you will be supported to have them tested for Coronavirus and given instructions of how the family should isolate to reduce the risk of spreading the infection.
- If your child or a household member develops symptoms at home, please do not send your child to school. Simply contact us and we will support you with what to do next.



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We are really looking forward to welcoming you back and having all the children back into school. Your support is a constant reassurance for us and I know we can rely on your continued support to enable us to do this safely by following the school guidelines.

Teachers have been busy planning the first week back, to ensure that there is a focus on settling everybody back into a school routine and building up the children's confidence, resilience and re-establishing friendships. They will work hard to gauge where the children are in terms of their learning, then build on top of the knowledge and skills that they have retained. We will of course support children to re-establish their positive attitudes to learning and independence, back-filling any gaps in knowledge to ensure they swiftly make progress in their learning as we did in the Autumn Term.

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your energy and commitment to supporting school during the Spring Term so far. It may have seemed like a long one for us all, but we have finally made it! Thank you so much from all of us at school.

Kind regards,

C Barber

Mrs C Barber

Headteacher