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Dear Families,

You will have heard the plan to open schools to all children on Monday 8th March. School will look very similar to how it did when we all returned in September. I am very much looking forward to having our whole school community back in school; however, we must be cautious and careful as we do so. We will return to staggered start and finish times, a one way system around the outside of school, robust handwashing routines and year group bubbles which do not mix, amongst many other precautions.

It is very important that we follow the a system of controls to keep us all safe. This includes:

If you, your child(ren) or anyone in your household shows any of the symptoms of COVID-19 do not send your child to school – seek a test to confirm whether it is COVID-19 or not – while isolating until you know.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The biggest change to the school will be that we will **close to children on Friday afternoons** between now and the Easter Holidays (this is only 3 actual Fridays). We have been doing this since we re-opened the school to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils and it has worked well as a time to release teachers for their PPA time (teachers have an entitlement to time out of class each week to plan, prepare and assess). This will minimise the children's contact with additional adults and reduce risks and will be reviewed at Easter. If you are a key worker who requires childcare until 3pm on Friday please email the school office to arrange this with Mrs Good.

Next week we will email you the new parent handbook with timings of the day and further information to ensure you can prepare to send your child back to school safely. Attendance will be mandatory from the 8th, so we look forward to having you all back at school.

I would like to say a huge thank you for all that you have done over these last months to support your child's education. I know it has been incredibly challenging time and know we are all looking forward to returning to a bit of normality!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Good
Head Teacher

All laptops that have been loaned to families should be returned to the school office on Monday 8th March.



