



**IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME INTO SCHOOL AS EITHER A CHILD OF A KEYWORKER OR VULNERABLE CHILD AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY**

I hope you all had a good half term and managed to spend some family time together. It doesn't seem nearly a year since we went into the first lockdown and all its implications but there are many positive signs emerging which hopefully means we can slowly return to some sort of normality.

It was great news to hear on Monday that we will be able to welcome all the children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Although your engagement in the home schooling has been amazing and we are very thankful for all your support in this, the children will really benefit from returning to the classroom and seeing their friends and teachers again. We are still required to have the staggered start and finish times so these will be the same as before Christmas – see the September Plan in the COVID section on the website for details if you have forgotten the timings.

The return to school for all pupils on the 8<sup>th</sup> March is compulsory and the usual rules and duties around school attendance will be in place; school uniform should be worn as normal, but the children do not need to wear facemasks. The before and after school provision will restart on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and these can be booked in the usual way; the school hot dinner service will also resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and the normal routines for ordering will apply. From the 8<sup>th</sup> March, there will be no learning set on Google Classrooms; this will only be started again if a bubble has to self-isolate.

Since Christmas, all staff have been wearing facemasks at the start and finish of the school day and also while they move around the school outside of their bubbles. I would ask that all adults dropping off and picking up to wear masks please in and around the school site to help continue to keep everyone safe. Also, it would be helpful if adults didn't hang around in front of the school afterwards otherwise we see congestion - if you would like to speak to friends, please do so away from the areas immediately in front of and around the school entrances.

It will be great to see our school community coming back together and to see the children learning and socialising again. If you have any questions or concerns regarding returning to school, please contact us as soon as possible so we can allay any fears you may have.

Best wishes

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