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Dear Parents,

I was delighted to hear the announcement yesterday that we will be allowed to welcome all the children back to school on the 8th March. Over the next two weeks, we will continue with remote learning. Thank you in advance for your continued support with this. It has been a tremendous challenge for our families and I hope you will be able to keep up the hard work for just a little longer. Remaining in a routine and continuing to persevere and try their best will ensure the children are best equipped for their return to school.

When the children return, the school will continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils and wider community by minimising contacts wherever possible. This will mean that children remain in their bubbles and that we continue to operate a staggered timetable. Drop off and pick up will be as follows:

8.40-8.50 and 3.10-3.20 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

8.50-9.00 and 3.20-3.30 – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

The overlap will allow siblings to be dropped off and picked up at the same time. When picking up and dropping off, please be prompt. We are all aware that the children have missed significant periods of time in school and late arrivals to class miss out on learning and are disruptive for the majority of pupils who always arrive on time. I would also ask you to try and minimise the number of people who come onto our school site and not bring siblings or additional adults if at all possible. Similarly, it would be appreciated if adults wore masks when they are on the school site where possible.

Breakfast club will be running in the mornings from 8am and you can pay for this as usual via SCOPay. Please do this as soon as possible as the children will be kept in bubbles during this time so we need advance notice to make the necessary arrangements. We will not be running after school clubs for the three and half weeks when the children return but hopefully they will in place for the summer term.

We will continue to have a one-way system around the school and our staff are home testing twice each week to try to reduce the chance of asymptomatic spread. I know that you will remain vigilant and not send your children to school should they have any of the symptoms of COVID19. All of these measures are vital to ensuring that we stay safe and well and that the children do not need to isolate at home for any additional periods of time.

Whilst this is not the end to the challenges we face, I hope it is at least the beginning of the end and that we will all be able to enjoy some greater freedoms in the weeks to come. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher

