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Dear Parents and families,

As we approach the last week of home learning (fingers crossed!) we have been planning and preparing for the full school opening next Monday!

I would like to share with you some of our planning, assuming the guidance doesn't change!!!

- All pupils in all year groups will be back in school full time (except any pupils/families who still need to isolate).
- It will be a legal requirement that all children do attend school.
- All children who are unwell must stay at home whatever the symptoms.
- As ventilation is a key factor in reducing transmission, all windows will be open in the classrooms. I suggest children wear a vest or tee shirt under their school uniform, or possibly an additional fleece layer depending on the weather!
- Lunches must be ordered at home to help reduce touching of screens. Parents who usually pay for meals will need to ensure that their Lunchshop accounts are in credit in order to place orders.
- School transport will be running as usual, though of course there is no obligation to use it, if you would prefer to bring your child to school yourself.
- There will be no staggered start/finish times (mainly due to transport issues). Parents must, however, socially distance from each other. Parents of Class 2 children should stand opposite the wellie hut and not in the area designated for Class 1 parents alongside the decking.
- The whole school will be one bubble, with each class being a sub- bubble.
- Where possible classes will not mix, however, there will be short periods during the day when they may have to do so (lunch times, targeted groups and transport, for example).
- In Class One there will be no social distancing between pupils and staff, there will be regular hand washing and hygiene routines in place. If you need to come into the classroom to help settle your child, only one parent at a time will be allowed in the classroom when dropping off in the morning in this class.
- In Classes Two and Three the children will not be expected to socially distance from each other, but will be encouraged to distance from the staff, there will be regular hand washing and hygiene routines in place.
- Children will sit side by side all facing the same way (not distanced).
- Lunchtimes will continue with one sitting for all children, who, where possible, will sit with children from their own class.
- Staff will continue to use the Lateral Flow Tests twice a week.
- Staff will wear masks whenever they cannot distance from other members of staff.
- Staff may wear masks at other times if they so choose.
- Pupils in school will not be expected to wear masks.
- All visiting adults and parents must wear masks when on school property unless medically exempt.

- All children to return home learning packs this Friday (5th March) to allow staff to prepare fully for Monday 8th.
- Keep items brought to school to a bare minimum, only a filled water bottle and book bags containing reading books, reading diaries and homework where appropriate. Children may have masks for school transport and a small bottle of hand sanitiser.
- On Monday all children should bring their PE kits, wellies and waterproofs back into school (most of Class One waterproofs and wellies are already in school!)

We are all very excited to have the children safely back in school. It is essential that we abide by the government guidelines, in and out of school, in order to keep school open and everyone safe.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison