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Dear Parents,

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

We really look forward to welcoming back all the children from Monday 8 March and are confident the full return to school will be successful, enjoyable, and most of all, safe.

There is no doubt the last few months have been a challenge for everyone, but we have been warmed by the huge amount of support from parents. Everyone has done their utmost to support children's learning and well-being and we know how exhausting that can be.

I wish to thank all families who were not able to send their children to school for such a long time for their amazing work in supporting their children's learning at home. I would also like to thank all our staff who worked incredibly hard keeping the school open, providing the teaching to children in school and simultaneously delivering high quality online education for our children at home. My appreciation also goes to our children for attending the school or learning from home and doing their best despite the challenging circumstances.

It is good news Covid 19 rates have reduced, but the school must still operate under its risk assessment arrangements. We would really like this lockdown to be the last we experience so we are asking everyone to follow the rules. The measures listed in last week's letter, include the following:

- The school will still be operating with class bubbles and aims to minimise contact between children in separate bubbles as far as practicable.
- The school continues to have staggered start and finish times.
- Parents must wear a face covering in the playground – please note only one adult from each family to bring children onto the school site. Please keep your distance from other families as much as possible. Please do not arrange playdates or sleepovers at each other's homes. We are

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within touching distance of all those treats for our children, but we just need to be patient for a few more weeks.

- Children must not attend school if they have cold or flu symptoms, or feel poorly (*please err on the side of caution and keep your child off school if they are not feeling well*). If your child is unwell or has an appointment and is unable to attend school, please follow the usual procedure of contacting the school office.
- Classes will remain well ventilated and children will be washing their hands regularly.

A reminder that children must wear school uniform or P.E. kits on their P.E. days.

School dinners will be available as usual for the children – the menu is on the school website. The breakfast and after school club led by Jody Gibbons starts again and there will be after school clubs for class 4 children. All other clubs will resume in the summer term when we hope the school fully re-opens.

Attendance at school is once again mandatory from the 8th March.

We recognise that children may be anxious returning to school, and children in school may be worried about classes fully re-opening, but the staff will be ensuring all children feel safe and welcome at school, can rekindle friendships and be ready to learn. We have planned a science competition to be completed in school in the final week of term which we know the children will enjoy – plan and build a buggy to protect an egg. One thing which we have learned is the incredible resilience of our children; their humour, kindness and ability to adapt to a new situation will help ensure the re-opening of school will be successful.

How will you help my child catch up in any lost learning?

It is important to remember every child has had a different experience during this period of time. Some children have been in school with the teachers, some have been learning every day at home, some have not engaged with home learning very much. This means everyone will be at different points in their learning when they return. However, children have always been at different points in their learning and teachers are very skilled at supporting all children in a class whether they are working well above the year group standards or well below.

All teachers will be looking to assess the gaps in learning as children return to the classroom. This means they will be looking at their assessments of all the work that was set for home learning, establishing what children know or remember from this work and looking at the gaps in their knowledge. They will then be in a strong position to plan a route forward. The curriculum is cyclical in nature, so many of the skills appear throughout your child's time at school. Where teachers find skills are missing they will recap and revise before moving on. In some cases additional support will be given to children in the school to cover lost learning or to ensure that those who are doing well continue to be stretched and challenged.

Finally, to mark Book Week, below is an online book sale advertising discounted books.

Kind regards,
Mr Jones

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