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"Walking together with Jesus to Love, Learn and Serve"

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your family are all well and I would like to take this opportunity firstly to thank you for your support throughout the latest lockdown. You have all done a marvellous job of protecting your family, our school, and the local community, alongside ensuring that the children have engaged in remote learning.

We are extremely proud of how we have all worked together and how the majority of parents and children have embraced the remote learning.

I am sure that Boris' announcement last night was very welcome and I wanted to assure you that we are now planning, in earnest, for a full return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

We are sure that you appreciate that things will not revert to normal straight away and we are aware that we will need to continue to support children and families as we enter this new phase.

Our plans, at present, are as follows

23rd Feb- 8th March – Remote learning from home to continue.

Key worker and vulnerable children, who already have an allocated school place, will continue as per the current arrangements. Unfortunately, school is full so there will be little movement in the numbers that we can accommodate in relation to our risk assessment.

8th March – Open to all children

A new risk assessment is currently being worked upon but for the majority of approaches will look very similar to how they were when we returned in September and finished in December.

Staggered times – These will be in place, as per Sept to Dec, and children will enter and exit from their assigned gates at the assigned times. A reminder will be sent home.

Lunch times – These will continue to be staggered.

Parents on premises – At present, no parents will be allowed on the premises. This will be reviewed regularly.

Social Distancing- Parents will be asked to socially distance and wear masks when dropping off, picking up and around the school gates.

Within school, movement will be kept to a minimum and children and staff will not move from bubble to bubble as far as possible.

Isolating – Parents are asked to continue to be vigilant in relation to symptoms and isolating when necessary both for children and family members. This is particularly important if school is to remain a safe environment. If children/staff are in school whilst infected, bubbles will be closed and the class will isolate for 10 days.

Testing- Staff are currently testing themselves, at home, twice weekly and this will continue.

Staffing - Please note that, with regards to staffing, we will still have some staff who are shielding and we are in the process of making necessary arrangements for those effected.

I am sure you will agree that the systems that we had in place prior to Lockdown 3 were effective and well established and, the school and the Governing Body, believe that we are best to proceed in a cautious manner.

There will be lots of further information over the coming weeks and as a school we will be looking closely at any guidance that is released but I wanted to contact you with our initial plans so that you can get organised. Please keep up to date with all emails and newsletters for further updates.

I am sure that some children and families may be anxious about a return to school, and whilst we will be supportive of this, we would strongly advise that all children return to school so that we can begin to get back to normality and structure, address any necessary catch up and allow our children to enjoy school and their friends again.

Please contact school if you have any concerns and we will be continuing to call you throughout the next two weeks.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families in the coming weeks. It is very important that we continue to adhere to the rules if we want to remain in school and have the freedoms that we are all looking forward to. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L McEvoy
Headteacher

