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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we collectively handle the challenges posed by Covid-19.

You will no doubt have seen the Prime Minister's recent announcement that schools will re-open fully, for all pupils, from Monday 8th March. We are looking forward very much to having all children back in our school, and want to assure you that – as has been the case throughout the coronavirus crisis – we will ensure the school is as safe as it possibly can be. Your child's health, and the health of all our pupils and staff, is the most important factor always for us.

There are a number of specific points about the full return to school that I wanted to set out in this letter, which I hope are helpful.

Testing

- Primary school children will not be required to be tested for Covid-19 when schools re-open to all pupils on Monday 8th March.
- However, any child who develops Covid-19 symptoms should self-isolate immediately, as now, according to Government guidelines.
- Our staff will continue to test themselves at home and will be provided with two rapid Covid-19 tests each week.

Masks

- Primary school children do not need to wear a face covering when in school.
- However, the Government has recommended that face coverings should be worn by primary school staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). This policy will be reviewed over the Easter Holidays so is in place until at least the end of term.
- Therefore, when visiting the school, please use a face covering.

Pre and After-School Provision

- From Monday 8th March until the end of term, we will revert to the same system for childcare that we ran during the Autumn term. This will mean that childcare will be available in class bubbles for all those who require it from 8.30 and up until 3.30pm, Monday to Friday, regardless of what time your child's bubble finishes. Please contact the school office to notify us by Wednesday 3rd of March if you require this option.

- We will review our wrap around care provision against guidance and risk assessments in readiness for the start of the summer term and will contact parents if there are to be any further changes.

The Government's announcement indicates we are tentatively returning to normal. However, I wanted to reiterate how alert we are to the continued risk of Covid-19. We will continue to adhere to stringent health and safety measures now, and when fully open in terms of both in the Academies and around the site. Your support in helping us be as safe as possible is much appreciated and will help ensure we stay open to all pupils, and keep your child, our staff, and you, safe.

A further letter will follow soon, detailing arrival and collection arrangements for the children's return on the 8th of March.

I hope this letter is helpful and reassuring but please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Rutherford

Executive Principal