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'All Moving Forward Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am so pleased to be writing to you regarding the return to school for all children on the 8th March. This is such a welcome announcement and we just can't wait to get everyone back together again. It has been a difficult year for everyone and I thank you for your support. The kind messages of support for staff have been lovely to read and real encouragement for us all during a time which has been testing for us all both professionally and personally.

At present the guidance we have received indicates that we will return to the systems of working which were in place during the autumn term. This is also enhanced by the regular rapid Covid-19 testing of staff. However, we must remember that our school safety measures will only be effective if they are followed by everyone and alongside the government national restrictions. The only reason schools are able to fully re-open is because contact is limited within other areas of the community. It is important that households do not begin to mix until the government confirm this is allowed and other than coming to school, going out to work or for daily exercise the 'Stay at Home' message continues to be followed.

Once the children return to school our first priority will be re-connecting them with their friends and classmates, whilst reminding them of our routines and expectations. Staff will also spend time identifying the next steps in each child's learning. We appreciate that the home learning experience will have been very different for each child, but rest assured that our staff have a wealth of experience in working with children with a range of different needs and abilities and as always will provide each child with exactly what they need. However, it is important that children do continue with the home learning provided over the next two weeks as every little bit they do will help them when they return.

I will be in touch again next week with a reminder of the specific safety measures, routines and information about returning on Monday 8th March but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions before then.

Thank you again for your support and please continue to follow all national restrictions so that we can welcome everyone back soon.

Yours sincerely

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