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Dear Parents,

I'm writing to you about the return to school for all pupils which will take place on Monday 8th March. We're really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school! I'd also like to offer a very warm welcome to the children of four new families who will be joining us next week.

In terms of the arrangements, they will very much be the same as before this lockdown, but here's a quick reminder:

- 1) School is 8.45-3.15pm for all children with the following exceptions:
 - i) Ms Hendrick's and Mrs Smith's classes start school at 9am
 - ii) School finishes for Mrs Hirst's and Mrs Boylan's classes at 3pm
 - iii) Nursery continues to run 8.55am-11.55am, unless the children stay for the wraparound session.
- 2) The entrances/exit places will remain as they were before the latest lockdown.
- 3) Parents only to enter the school building with an appointment. Please call, email or speak to me on the driveway if you have any concerns.

As Coronavirus is still present in this country, and in our community, there continues to be the risk of a pupil or member of staff testing positive. This may mean that at short or no notice, your child will have to self-isolate for ten days. I do understand how difficult this is for parents, having spoken to many of you who have already been in this position. **However, every family needs to have a plan in place in case this happens to their child.**

If any contact details have changed, such as address or emergency numbers, please let us know so that we can update our records. Remember to check your email during the school day in case you have received a notification that your child has had a minor injury.

Could I ask that all adults who come onto the school site wear a face covering unless they have a medical exemption. Parents should socially distance and keep separate from other families, unless they form part of a support bubble or live in the same household. Thank you for your help in keeping all the members of our school community safe.

I'd like all the children to attend in school uniform, but do understand that this may not be possible straight away for some families if their children have outgrown clothes and shoes over the lockdown. We'll be flexible about this for the first week or so.

A number of Chromebooks and laptops were lent to pupils who have been off during the lockdown. We'd be really grateful if these could be returned by Monday, at the latest.

We will be emailing parents of children who are due to start in our Nursery after Easter. We are planning to invite you and your child for two visits before they start school in the week beginning Monday 19th. We still have places available for children who turn three by 31st March 2021, to start after Easter (or they can start September), or who turn three by 31st August 2021 for a September start. Please pass this on to anyone who you know may be interested.



As noted in my letter of last week, all the lunchtime and after school clubs will start from 8th March. These are the clubs that should have been operating this term. We won't be extending these clubs after Easter as we have already agreed the Summer Term's clubs with the respective coaches and letters will be sent out about these activities in a couple of weeks. Music lessons will also start again from next week.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Williams

