

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and you had a lovely half term. It was good for everyone to take the opportunity to step back for a few days and take a breather in anticipation of some big announcements that we have all seen this week.

The big headline of course, is that all pupils will be returning to school from Monday 8th March. We are obviously delighted that all our children will be returning to school and are looking forward to picking up where we left off. Settling the children back into school, and completing diagnostic work to establish a re-entry point for everyone's learning will be our first priority, so we can get the curriculum right and get everyone up to speed as quickly as possible.

I have read the government's guidelines for the lifting of restrictions on 8th March and they are broadly similar to the guidelines we had in place during the autumn term. This means the school operational plan will also be broadly the same as it was during the autumn term. I am currently updating the school's risk assessments and we have meetings scheduled for the start of next week which will all contribute to the planning process, and I will write to you all to confirm the details in due course.

As we come to the end of this particular phase of restricted attendance, we are keen to have a better understanding about what you think about our remote education offer. Consequently, Mr Clark has taken a lead on some work with SLT and governors to create a short remote education survey which we would like you to complete next week. This will be sent out to you all on Monday (1st March) and we would be very grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete this electronic form and return it to us by next Friday (5th March).

In advance of further information next week, I'll keep this update relatively short. However, I would just like to reiterate how grateful we all are for your continuing patience and support and to say how much we are looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Have a lovely weekend and stay well.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)