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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I know that some children will be nervous about returning, whilst others will be keen to come back and will be looking forward to meeting their friends again. All staff are sensitive to the needs of the children and, as ever, will be supportive and nurturing - please reassure your children that we are all looking forward to seeing them again! However, I do appreciate that some of you may feel nervous about this, so I am writing to outline all the measures we have put in place to keep children and staff safe and to ensure that school is as Covid secure as possible:

- As a school, we will do everything we can to comply with government guidelines around social distancing;
- We will enforce regular, thorough handwashing
- We will clean all hard surface and toilets regularly.
- Children, staff and visitors will have their temperature checked when they enter the school building.
- Staff will continue to collect and release children from the pedestrian gate.
- Staff will wear face coverings when they collect and release children.
- The start and end of the school day will be staggered: Chipmunks: 9.00 am – 3.10 pm; Spitfires – 8.55 am – 3.05 pm; Hurricanes - 8.50am – 3.00 pm.
- Please keep 2m apart on the pavement outside school and limit your contact with people outside of your household at the beginning and end of the school day.
- All classrooms will be well ventilated – windows and doors will be open.
- All adults in school will wear face coverings in shared areas and corridors.
- Staff will wear visors when they are supporting children on a 1:1 basis and social distancing is not possible
- Staff are self-testing twice weekly using lateral flow testing kits.
- Staff are linked to one class bubble until further notice – to reduce the number of contacts in school.

However, I cannot make any firm guarantees that your child will not be exposed to the virus.

If your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of coronavirus, including loss of taste and/or smell, you must not bring your child to school. It is vital that you inform school immediately so that we can take appropriate action.

The Secretary of State for Education has also stated that from March 8<sup>th</sup>, school attendance is mandatory, not optional. We will, of course continue to work with any families where attendance is an issue and will only fine as a very last resort.

On a final note, this has been a really difficult period for children, parents and staff alike. As a school, we are thankful to you all for your support and goodwill over the past months.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Waplington

