



Executive Head Teacher—Mrs Sarah Helm

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Dear All

I trust you have managed to have a break from your term-time routines during the half term break and am hopeful that, with the improvement in the weather and the news regarding our full time return to school, we are all feeling a little brighter and more optimistic. This is my end of first week newsletter a little bit early so you have the information sooner rather than later, I hope this helps.

Our 'reducing the risk of transmission' plans will be very similar to the September arrangements following the DfE prescribed system of controls as set out below:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

*Our complete risk assessment will be updated and available on the website in readiness for the return to school on **Monday 8th March**. We will send out all the information regarding school start and finish times, PE days etc in advance.*

Our focus for the first two weeks back in will be reconnecting, resetting our expectations and supporting children's well-being. We will be undertaking assessments to gain clarity over the gaps in children's learning and we will be prioritising the learning to plug these gaps. We will continue with our enquiry questions and we will keep you informed of how you can continue to help at home. We are working hard to ensure that we are able to maximise the use of outdoor learning opportunities for learning across the curriculum and forest schools will be provided for year 2 in Poppy Class.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club will be back in operation from the return date so please book in as per the usual process.

I am aware that some children may find the return to school challenging. If you think this applies to your child, please let your class teacher know and we can plan appropriate support to make this the most positive experience.

We are all so looking forward to being back together for our learning and can't wait to see you all again.



We know that empathy can be the key that unlocks the door to kindness and compassion... remember to be kind and compassionate to yourself as well!

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