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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Wider Opening of School – March 8th

I am sure you were as interested to hear the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday night as I was. It is confirmed that we will be fully reopening to all pupils with effect from Monday 8th March. At this time, it seems highly likely that school provision will be very similar to that undertaken throughout the Autumn Term (ie. year group bubbles, staggered timings, discrete staff teams, etc.)

Already guidance is emerging and there are new documents which need to be read, but the basic summary of what we know so far is that:

- All primary school children are to return on Monday 8th March.
- Attendance is deemed **mandatory** and all normal registration and reporting procedures will be resumed.
- Primary school staff will continue to take two lateral flow COVID-19 tests, each week, at home.
- Primary age pupils will **not** be tested with lateral flow tests.
- Face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (outside of the classroom environment).
- Primary age children will not be required to wear face coverings.
- There is no need for class sizes to be adjusted from the usual size.
- No educational visits should take place at this time.
- The advice for any pupil who is personally confirmed as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (CEV) is to shield and stay at home as much as possible.
- 'Close Contact Tracing' and, therefore, the potential for bubble closure and 10-day isolation in the event of confirmed cases will remain in place.
- Remote Learning will resume for any isolating 'bubble'. Precise format and details to be confirmed.

As I get more information, I will incorporate it into our plans and risk assessment and write to you with full details of school arrangements prior to March 8th. I trust you will bear with me while arrangements are put in place. We very much look forward to seeing all the children very soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Debbie Conroy

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