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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all in this very unusual time for the support you have provided in working with your children and supporting our staff. As we move to the next phase of children in school I wanted to remind all members of our community about ways in which we can remain safe, and support our children.

On Monday 8th March all children will be expected to return to school. I know that this may be difficult for some parents, and fully appreciate that this will be another massive change for all of our families. I want to reassure you that we will continue to provide support, as and when it is needed. Risk assessments have been reviewed and all staff are able to complete twice weekly lateral flow testing to support this.

Classrooms will return to school on the same basis as before Christmas, with strict 'bubbles', handwashing and distancing from adults, where possible. They will continue to have their own resources, and regular cleaning systems have been put into place. Throughout the day all children will be required to wash their hands regularly.

We will continue to ask all adults to wear face masks on school grounds and request that only one person brings your child to school to limit the number of adults in our grounds. School lunches will be provided as they were for all pupils before Christmas.

If any child displays symptoms of COVID-19 then we will immediately contact you to come and collect them. We have dedicated spaces which will be staffed appropriately to minimise any contact that they might have with any of the staff community. Additionally, if there is a reason to send home a 'bubble' we ask that you collect your child as soon as possible. On-line learning and resources will be provided for children who are isolating at home.

Our Managing and supporting positive behaviour policy has been amended to incorporate new health and safety expectations for all our school community. We will be taking time to talk to the children to remind them about social distancing and being Ready, Respectful and Safe when they come into school. Any breach of this will be taken extremely seriously and we will be asking parents to support us in this.

Some practical things to try before your child returns on 8th March:

- Start a morning routine a week before school starts.
- Try to 'catch up' on the 'live' session recorded by your child's teacher that they may have missed.
- Use language such as "when you go to school".
- Use visual aids such as calendars to count down to school starting.

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- If your child does not want to leave the house (before the day of your return) take short trips out which build up in time.
- Eating at set times
- Good sleep routine
- Being positive
- Daily exercise
- Stay calm. Use your support network to help you at this difficult time – This could be school staff.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming children back to school and whilst it will still not look and feel like normal school, I can assure you we will do our utmost to ensure that this transition is as supportive as it can be for you and your child. Please do get in touch with your child's school if you feel that your child, or you, will need extra support during this time of change. More detailed information regarding entrances, school routines etc will follow from your Head of School.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Nettleship".

Mrs Alison Nettleship
CEO
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