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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils from **8 March**. In consultation with the governing body, we're very much looking forward to welcoming back our pupils to face-to-face education then.

School attendance

The latest [government guidance](#) on school reopening says you can welcome pupils back on a phased basis during the week of 8 March to help manage your coronavirus testing programme.

Due to the size of our school on the week starting 8 March, we'll be:

➤ Welcoming all pupils back.

School attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, pupils should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. If there is a shielding letter to the effect please provide us with a copy.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will:

- Continue to provide remote learning as in the lockdown and will follow the timetable.

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Coronavirus testing

To help us keep everyone safe, we'll be offering rapid coronavirus testing to all our pupils as they return from 8 March. Pupils will be asked to take 3 coronavirus tests at school, with 3 to 5 days between each test. Test results will take about 30 minutes to process.

Pupils can return to school after their first negative result. If at any point they test positive, they'll need to self-isolate in line with government guidance.

Testing is voluntary, and you and/or your child will need to give consent for it to be carried out. However, we strongly encourage your child to take part so we can help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

If your child is not participating in testing, they should attend school as usual in line with our reopening arrangements.

After the 3 initial tests at school, pupils will be offered coronavirus tests that they should take twice a week at home. We will be in touch with these details.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. From 8 March, we'll be taking the following protective measures:

- We'll ask that all pupils wear a face covering in classrooms, communal areas and corridors. This is in line with the latest government guidance for schools

Please refer to our risk assessment on our website.

Additional support

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with the school.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Oliver,
Headteacher.

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