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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the first letter we will be sending out over the next two weeks regarding our reopening on the 8th March. I know that many of you will have been overjoyed to hear the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday that schools will fully open in a couple of weeks to all children. Equally, I know that some families will be concerned about the safety of school and they will be worried about children returning en masse. Please be assured that the safety of our children, families and staff are absolutely paramount and we will be working over the next few days to ensure that our covid-19 plan is as robust as it can be.

Before 8th March we will be resending our Covid-19 plan so that parents have a good understanding of what we are doing in school to mitigate the risk of infection. In addition to this and for ease of reference, we will also be sending the following out separately: the timings of our staggered drop off and pick up times, days for PE, when and for who Forest School will be happening, and timings of lunch and break times.

Many things will remain the same as they were in Autumn term. We will still be having staggered drop off and pick up times, children will remain in their "bubbles" at school and we will be limiting the number of adults on site to only those essential for the running of school. Once we have finished absorbing new government guidance there may be some additional measures we need to implement; we will inform families of these as soon as possible. There will still be the potential that we may need to close bubbles in the event of cases occurring in our school community; we would hope that any impact will be limited to just one bubble or small group though.

On Friday 5th March we will be asking that key worker children who are usually in school engage in remote learning at home that day so that teachers can be in school preparing the physical environment ready for learning. In preparation for full reopening, resources need to be returned to their usual classes, furniture and equipment needs to be moved and we want to ensure that school is fully cleaned ready for the following Monday. As teachers will be working in school they will not be able to respond to questions from children during the day.

It is undeniable that there is a sense of optimism today - I can't deny that I am genuinely excited at the prospect of our school community coming back together and us returning to the (what was) new normal. It has only been possible, though, because communities have stuck to the guidance and rules over the past few weeks. It is essential that we all continue to do our bit and that we maintain our focus on keeping each other safe.

Please do "keep an eye" on your emails over the next few days and if you have any questions - please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie King

