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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with much relief and happiness, I am writing to invite all our children back to school on Monday 8th March, following Boris Johnson's announcement earlier this week. I know the last couple of months have been challenging for everyone and we are delighted that the children can return once and for all.

School will resume as it was before Christmas. The staggered start and finish to the school day remains the same and it is imperative that children arrive on time. We still have stringent risk assessments to follow and we need to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our children, teachers and community safe and prevent infection spreading. The routines we have in school are vital to this and that is why we must insist on punctuality.

It is also important to ensure that social distancing is maintained and face coverings are worn when you are waiting outside school and collecting your children at the end of the day. If we all work together on this and help to reduce infections, then we are more likely to have an effective route to the easing of restrictions.
Below are a reminder of the systems in place and these must be adhered to.

- There will be clear markings outside school to ensure social distancing. Please observe these markings at all times.
- Parents and carers will be unable to enter the school playground in the morning but will be allowed to pick up at the end of the day.
- Children will line up on allocated markings per class. Children will be met on the playground by a member of staff and taken into their classrooms.
- All children will wash their hands on entry into the school building and apply antibacterial gel to their hands on exit.
- All children will be provided with their own resource pack in the classroom.
- Children must not bring any items from home into school other than their water bottle.
- The only resources going home and coming back into school will be their homework bags and these will be provided by school. Please do not send bulky bags or back packs/haversacks into

school as these will be returned home. Cloakrooms will not be in use and coats and bags will be on the backs of chairs. As you can imagine, a large bag will take up too much space.

- Children in FS1, FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to a free school meal and school will provide lunch for them. They will not be able to bring in packed lunches – This is to reduce the number of items being brought into school from home and avoid cross contamination. Please do not worry if your child has an allergy or is a choosy eater. We will work with you to provide a lunch they can eat.

- Any child in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who is entitled to a free school meal will also be provided with a lunch, so please do not send in a packed lunch as we are trying to minimise the number of items being brought into school.

- Uniforms must be worn.

- PE kit to be worn on Wednesdays by Foundation Stage 1 and 2

- PE kit to be worn on Mondays by Year 3 and Year 5

- PE kit to be worn on Fridays by Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6

There will be a staggered start and finish to the school day. Children will be placed into 3 separate groups and be requested to arrive at school and collected from school at an allocated time. These timings must be kept, to support social distancing and reduce the number of people outside the school gates. Your children will not be allowed entry into school until their allocated time. If you arrive early you will have to wait. If you are late you will also have to wait until the other groups are safely in school before we can allow your children access. The groups are as follows:

GROUPS OF CHILDREN		Start time	Finish time
GROUP A	Children in Years FS1, FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 **WHO DO NOT HAVE** a brother or sister in any other year group.	8.40am	3.10pm
GROUP B	Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 **WHO DO NOT HAVE** a brother or sister in any other year group.	8.50am	3.20pm
GROUP C This group is to help parents bring all their children together and collect them at the same time.	Children in **ANY** year group who **DO HAVE** a brother or sister in another year group.	9.00am	3.30pm

It is really important the start and finish times are strictly kept. We are trying to avoid mass gatherings outside the school gates and staggering the children will avoid this. However, we do need your help and co-operation with this matter.

We are all really looking forward to having a full school again and seeing all the children. Can I please urge you to continue with the on-line learning until the children return to school.
Many of you have done an amazing job supporting your children with their learning, so a huge thank you for your commitment and perseverance!

Take care and God Bless,

Warmest wishes,

J M Cartmell

Mrs J M Cartmell

Headteacher