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## **Re: School opening**

Dear Parents, Carers & Families,

Following the announcement on Monday evening by the Prime Minister, I can confirm that Hawthorns will again be fully open for **all pupils** as usual **from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. In the days before then, we would be grateful if you could continue with the temporary lockdown arrangements while we prepare the school to receive everyone back.

For those of you who still have some anxiety about the return of your child, please note that:

- We will be continuing with our strict protocols in school regarding cleaning regimens, routine hand washing, restricted movement around the school building, bubble organisation, limiting contacts between classes, ventilation requirements, and so on
- Additional cleaning hours will be retained
- Any adult or child displaying symptoms will be sent home immediately
- Staff are now tested twice a week to check for anyone who may be asymptomatic
- Staff have now received their first vaccination
- All adults on site will still be required to wear a face mask at the beginning and end of the school day when there is a significant circulation of people on the premises
- Infection rates have been significantly lower at Hawthorns compared to national and local averages, across both special and mainstream sectors, over the last twelve months

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back in school and to start the resumption of school routines. Hopefully this will be the beginning of the end of the final lockdown as the government has planned, and we are all able to start the long journey to recovery again.

If you have any queries, please contact your class team in the first instance so they can advise you.

As always, I would like to thank you for your patience, support and understanding throughout this really difficult period – you have all been truly amazing people.

Kindest regards,

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