



Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to Face to Face Education for most pupils from Monday 8 March 2021

We understand how challenging this past year has been for families, particularly juggling home schooling arrangements with working/family commitments but we can now see some light at the end of the tunnel with the universal return to school from the 8 March 2021. More information is available through public Health [Dorset](#); and you will see from their website that cases are reducing in [BCP](#) . We expect them to fall further by the time schools reopen which is reassuring.

The majority of pupils will return to face to face teaching from this date, the only exceptions to this will be self-isolating children and those in the critically extremely vulnerable category, including those newly identified as [CEV](#). This group will have received a letter from their GP or clinician which will need to be shared with school/college.

We know that many parents/carers are worried that their children may have fallen behind in some elements of their learning and we are regular dialog with schools and colleges about how we help children to catch up, this is a huge priority for our schools and wider BCP education system.

The best way that parents/carers can help their children is to ensure regular school attendance as soon as schools are able to accommodate them, from 8 March 2021, and to work with the setting to explore and engage in any additional help and support available.

Schools will be in touch with parents about how the return to face to face learning will be managed in their setting and whether there will be any additional Covid health and safety adaptations

Wraparound childcare services will also be available from 8 March 2021 to support working parents. You will find information about childcare providers on the [Family Information Directory](#) . If you require support with childcare arrangements you may contact the BCP Family Information Service who will be pleased to help you.

Telephone 01202 261999

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I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your children for a safe and enjoyable return to school.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elaine", with a horizontal line underneath.

Elaine Redding
Interim Corporate Director, Children's Services