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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am sure, like me, you will have watched the Welsh Government news conference at lunchtime on Friday and heard the announcement that Foundation Phase pupils are to return to school for face to face learning the week beginning 22nd February 2021 with all Foundation Phase pupils in school by Friday 26th February.

On Wednesday, the Welsh Government finally published the "Operational guidance for schools and settings to support limited attendance." I am now in the process of going through this document to ensure our school site is as safe as it possibly can be for staff and pupils. However, I need to reiterate again that whilst I will continue to do all in my power to ensure the safety of staff and pupils I am unable to guarantee a completely risk free environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding through this challenging time. I am now in a position where I can share some good news with you all as we are in a position to welcome our Rising 3 pupils into school. I am really looking forward to meeting all the children and to working closely with you over the coming years. Our Rising 3 pupils will begin school on Thursday 4th March; this is to allow current Nursery pupils sufficient time to settle back into the routines of school.

On Thursday 4^{th} and Friday 5^{th} March Rising 3 pupils will attend school for an hour session to introduce them gradually to the school setting. Morning pupils should attend from 9.30-10.30am and afternoon pupils should attend from 1.00-2.00pm. You will then be given further details regarding attendance for the following week.

I really look forward to welcoming your family to Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C George Headteacher Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School