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Dear parent / carer,

We are now just one week away from all children returning to school on March 8th. I spoke to a number of children last week during our class Zoom sessions, and I know that they are all excited to be able to come back, to see their friends, and to carry on with their learning.

I am just writing to you with a few messages about the return to school next week. Many of the systems that were in place last term will remain in place, including the organisation of children into class bubbles to help reduce chains of transmission and keep everyone safe. Additionally, when a case of coronavirus is confirmed in school, we will need to continue to follow government advice and close class bubbles for a period, reverting to remote learning for that class. There are, however, a few small changes which are summarised below.

Face coverings

Please can all adults wear a face covering when they are on school premises, either dropping off children in the morning or collecting them in an afternoon, unless you are medically exempt. The start and end of the day are quite busy, and this small measure should help us to protect all members of our school community. Children do not need to wear face coverings.

One-way system

The one-way system around school remains in place, with just a couple of changes to help reduce congestion at the start and end of day:

- EYFS will use the large gate at the top of the EYFS yard as both an entry and exit point, with children coming in through the large double doors at the end of the school building. If you have a child in EYFS as well as other year groups, you will need to drop the child off in EYFS and then go back out and into the regular one way system.
- If your child is in Miss Le Page's class, and you arrive before the school doors open at the start or end of the day, we would ask you to wait on the Year 1 playground until the doors open.

We have included a map with this letter which shows the one-way system around school for your reference. Members of the school leadership team and staff will be outside every day to help and guide you if you are struggling with the one-way system.

P.E. days

The school timetable has changed to help us better focus on teaching and learning in the core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths. We will no longer operate on a two-week rota. As such, P.E days have changed, as follows:

- Tuesday – Year 2 and Year 5
- Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 6
- Thursday – Year 1 and Year 3
- Friday – EYFS

Every week, when it is your child's P.E. day, please make sure they come to school dressed in P.E. kit. Children will not be allowed to get changed in school.

Bags and belongings

Children should bring the following belongings into school:

- A filled water bottle. Please use a re-usable water bottle. Single-use bottles are best avoided to help us protect the environment.
- Home-school reading journal
- Reading books. These will be changed regularly in school, but different year groups may have different systems to organise this; your child's class teacher will remind them of these systems when they return.

Children may bring a bag into school to help them organise their belongings if they wish.

Once again, thank you for all the support you have shown the school in the last 2 months by engaging with remote learning. I know the staff here are excited to be able to see the children again next week – please support the school by making sure your child is in school on time, every day.

Kind regards,

S Thompson

Acting Headteacher

