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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, a huge thankyou to you all for the enormous effort you have put into supporting your child/ren. I do not underestimate the unique challenges that each of you have faced during this time. Let's hope that we can all look forward to a brighter and slightly more normal spring and summer ahead.

I am writing to update on the plans for school reopening on March 8th. The government updated the guidance for the full opening of schools on March 8th. These details are available here. The guidance remains largely the same as it was when we reopened in September:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

As was the case in September, I have written a detailed risk assessment following the government's guidance to once again reopen safely for all pupils in all year groups. In order to reopen as safely as possible we will again be staggering start and finishing times and make other changes to the way we work. I have written and attached a detailed FAQ document which I hope answers many of the questions you may have around school reopening.

It is important to note that the current expectation is that **all children will be legally required to attend school from March 8th unless they have a signed doctor's note explicitly stating that their child should not be attending school.** The children's first day back is Monday 8th March.

The start times for the day will be:

Year group	Start time	Finish time
R	8.45	3.00
1	8.35	2.50
2	8.55	3.10
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.35	2.50
5	8.45	3.00
6	8.45	3.00

Please try to arrive as close to the times as possible to ensure everyone's safety and to make sure your child is not missing learning time. Lessons will begin within 5 minutes of their indicated start time. If you have children starting at different times you should drop off at the earlier time and we will accept siblings at that earlier time.

At the end of the day please wait on the playground distancing from other parents and your child will be sent to you. **Please be prompt in leaving the playground and do not stop to chat or allow children to play on the playground.**

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and pupils will continue to eat in their own classroom. This will prevent class bubbles mixing. In line with guidance, older children will be sat in rows facing the front and pupils will have their own stationery. As before however, the guidance acknowledges that social distancing amongst our youngest pupils is not possible.

What does my child need to bring to school?

Please send your child with a backpack containing:

- Their own water bottle
- A packed lunch (if they are not having a school dinner)
- A snack (fruit or vegetable) to eat in the morning as some children will eat lunch a little later than normal
- Sunhat and raincoat – we anticipate being outside more than normal
- their power maths book/s and reading books
- PE kit

Thankyou

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on March 8th.

Mr B. Hemmings
Headteacher