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Dear Parents,

SCHOOL RE-OPENING FOR ALL ON 8TH MARCH

I am delighted that all children have been asked to return to school on Monday 8th March. All of our staff are looking forward to meeting everyone once again.

Thank you very much to all of the parents who have been delivering home schooling. I am under no illusions that this has been an immense challenge for families and I am extremely grateful for your help and support.

Safety measures remain in place at school as they were in the Autumn Term and children will still be taught in their class bubbles.

For parents dropping off and collecting from the yard, please ensure that 2m social distancing is observed in the playground. As children in school are required to remain in their class bubbles throughout the school day could we please ask parents that at collection and drop off times on this is adhered to on the school premises.

Press release:

All households with children of school age to get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week. Please see link which is updated regularly. Click [here](#)

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The Spring Term Parent Consultations will be taking place on Monday 22nd March from 1pm-6pm via telephone. This will provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Appointments to see your child's class teacher can be booked via Parent Mail from 8th March. You will receive a notification when the booking form becomes live.

HOMEWORK

You may notice in some of the class newsletters that some of the homework for some of the classes will now be moved to the School 360 digital platform. This may be used by some classes in some subjects to allow children to remain familiar with the platform should another school closure occur in the future or a class have to self isolate.

REMOTE LEARNING

As the new digital platform has been delivered for 4 weeks, we are now in a position to begin review its effectiveness. To this end we are asking parents who have participated in using the remote learning with their children to complete a survey to help us with





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this process. This will be sent via Parent Mail before the end of term. Thank you for your co-operation.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 4th March it is World Book Day. We are not asking the children attending school to dress up this year but we will be sharing our favourite stories. We encourage all children in school and at home to take time during the day to read or share a story on this day. The World Book Day vouchers will be distributed to children in the week commencing 8th March.

COMIC RELIEF

March 19th is Comic Relief Day. To help support the charity we will be offering children the opportunity to donate £1.50 to collect one of the many red noses available on the theme of The Great Outdoors. The noses are completely plastic free this year. Children will be given the opportunity to place the donation in a box and collect their nose from their classroom rather than coming to the school office on this occasion.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We are inviting all children to make an Easter Bonnet and/or a decorated egg at home for a competition which will be judged on the last day of term day for an Easter prize. Children should bring their entries in on the Friday 26th March. The children can be as creative as they like with their bonnets and eggs. The prizes will be given to those children who have made an extra special effort in their own work. In school children will be decorating eggs for their traditional Easter Egg Roll competition on the last day of Spring Term. Unfortunately, we cannot ask parents to attend the event this year due to Covid-19 restrictions at the moment but rest assured there will be plenty of children and adults around to cheer the children on.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day

Monday 8th March - School re-opens for all children.

Friday 26th March - Easter egg rolling competition, Easter bonnet and egg decoration competition, last day of spring Term.

Regards,

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