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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share with you our plans for the return of all children to school on Monday 8th March. I cannot tell you how happy we are to be welcoming all our families back, but we do know that there will be some anxiety and concerns mixed in with the relief that things may be starting to get back to something approaching 'normal'.

The plans for our return will not look very different to our return in September last year, but there are some changes that you need to be aware of, and some reminders of our routines. I would suggest that it would be really beneficial for you to talk through what school will look like with your children, as it will feel very different for all children, whenever they have been in school or not over the past few weeks.

- All children will be returning on Monday 8th March - there will be no staggering of our return
- School uniform must be worn in order to re-establish our identity as a school - but we do understand children may have grown in the past few weeks!
- The one way system we run for entering and leaving school will continue and all adults will be required to wear masks on the school premises
- There will not be staggered start times to the school day, and we will open the school doors as usual at 8.45am - children will enter through the usual doors as per last term
- We will offer pick up between 3pm and 3.15pm until further notice - this is to prevent congestion around the younger children's areas, and to allow parents with children in different classes to pick them all up by 3.15pm
- Other than PE kit, bags, lunches and coats, we ask children not to bring anything else in to school unless specifically asked to by their teachers
- Please note we operate as a nut free school as we have several children with severe allergies
- Following government guidance, staff will be wearing masks more within school. This has been happening during lockdown, and we have found that our children are very used to it and don't find it unusual or upsetting.
- We will continue to operate with classes keeping separate from each other as much as possible
- **Please do not send children in to school if they are showing any symptoms of coronavirus - specifically a high temperature, a persistent new cough, a loss of taste or smell.**

Parent Consultations

We would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns you may have, to share good news and to talk about how the move to a full return to school has gone. These meetings will take place the week beginning the 22nd March 2021. Please use the following form to let us know if you would like a consultation, or to share any information with us you would like us to know - there is no requirement to also book a meeting! <https://forms.gle/tJ1GP2C5vLuQ1KmA9>

Parent consultations will either be by phone or Google Meet (or possibly socially distanced outside if the weather is in our favour!). We will use your child's Google Classroom login for Google Meets as we know it provides a reliable connection. Individual teachers will contact you to arrange consultation dates and times





over that week according to their availability. We are hoping to be able to arrange meetings from 1pm on one afternoon, but this does depend on staffing within the school.

School Meals

- School meals will resume from Monday 8th - please ensure you have visited the Local Food Links website to place your order here: <https://my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/login>.
- Children will need packed lunches if you are not ordering from LFL - **please do check carefully if you do make an order**, as we often have children arriving at school with no lunch but also no food ordered!
- Children will eat all lunches in their classrooms, apart from Year R who will be using the hall

Before and After School Care

As a school we recognise that many of our parents need to get back to work, and will require before and after school care for their children. Cool Kids and Breakfast Club will resume on **Monday 8th March**. Due to staffing and the need to adhere to guidance, they will operate during the following hours until further notice:

- **BREAKFAST CLUB will begin at 8am** and will run to the start of the school day at a cost of £5.50 per session. Bookings for Breakfast Club can be made by phoning the school office on 01305 852471, emailing office@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk or via the following form: <https://forms.gle/6SqZDivutc1KLeBTA>
- **COOL KIDS** will operate as usual from Monday - Thursday and will be available from the end of the school day **until 5pm** at a cost of £7 per session. Bookings for Cool Kids can be made via the school office or by following the link here: <https://forms.gle/kMusHhUakWGPHKs1A>

Our Curriculum

Upon our full return, we will be operating a Recovery and Reconnection curriculum. The emphasis will be on reforming our positive relationships, re-establishing rules, routines and expectations, and supporting everyone as we all get used to being back together in school. We will use our PSHE curriculum to deliver this, alongside lots of outdoor activities. Our aim will be to move towards a full curriculum once we are all ready to do so.

Please don't worry about children being left behind or having missed out on any learning. The staff at Broadmayne are really experienced at identifying gaps and moving children forward. Please trust the teachers to support every child in the way that is best for them, and we will soon be back to our usual routines and curriculum.

It is worth noting that **all this is subject to change**, as we trial some routines and adjust them as we go along, but I do not anticipate any major changes before the 8th. I will let you know as soon as possible of any changes we are made aware of.

Finally, I would like to say how much we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

