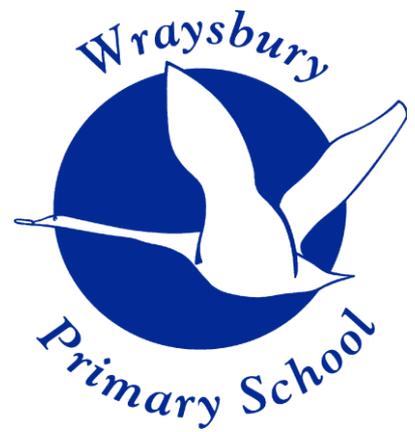


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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have heard on Monday evening, Primary Schools will be returning to face to face teaching for all pupils on Monday 8th March.

This week we have been busy digesting all of the Guidance and seeking further clarification on expectations and we will be sharing our Return to School Plan with you early next week. There will be a few updates, but it will be similar to the plan we had in place for the Autumn term.

I am sure that across the parent and pupil population there are mixed feelings and opinions about our return to face to face teaching and understandably there will be many questions. We hope that these will be answered in our document next week. Rest assured that we will be doing everything possible to ensure that our staff and pupils are kept safe and are looked after as well as we possibly can.

At present we are also working with The Gap Club (our Breakfast and After School Care Club) who are doing a fantastic job in putting together their risk assessments and plans based on the guidance for childcare settings. There will be information out from them very soon, but do please contact them now if you think you may need childcare, as there will not be school run teacher clubs or outside run Sports' Clubs operating for the foreseeable future.

In preparation for the return to school do please check that your child has everything they need. It is highly likely that they will have grown out of uniform and school shoes, that PE kit will need digging out from under the bed (hopefully not smelling!) and that the pencil cases will need replenishing for KS2 pupils. Do please have a search for any reading and/or Library books and have those ready to return to school. Can I also please remind parents in Year 3 – 6 to ensure that there is money on your child's lunch account ahead of Monday as the account must be run in credit.

If you believe that your child's PE kit may still be in school then please contact the school office and we will try to get that back to you in time for you to have it ready for your child on Monday 8th. Likewise, if you have any problems with lunch account passwords, do please try and reset the password sooner rather than later.

Next week the staff will be working tirelessly to plan and prepare for full face to face learning and to meet the stringent risk assessments that we will have in place. Therefore you may find that there are less "Live Lessons". Teaching will still be happening and there will still be full learning for the children on TEAMS, but it may just be organised in a slightly different way or delivered by a different member of staff. Teachers may not be able to answer general questions as readily so do please use the school email rather than the class chat, where appropriate.

Please ensure that you keep an eye on your emails and the school website as we update our information over the coming week. Please continue to stick to the lockdown rules – especially about household mixing/playdates etc and let's all have a happy and safe return to school on Monday 8th March.

With very best wishes to you all

Alison Fox
Headteacher

