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Dear Parents/Carers

The sun is shining, it looks set to stay for the weekend and... a return to school has been announced, which is making us all smile.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our children back and I am sure they are looking forward to being in class, back with their friends. The organisation of the school will stay the same as we need to be aware that, although hospitalisations and numbers of infections are falling, the virus is still about and all protective measures need to stay in place to ensure the safety of our children, staff and community. The children will be taught by their class teacher, supported by their teaching assistants; lunches will continue to be served in class and playtimes will remain as a class/Year group.

As soon as it is safe to do so we will make adjustments but please remember, the Government has advised slow and cautious in order to avoid any further Lock Downs. Although schools are re-opening, the Lock Down is still in place so we need to stay at home and avoid any non-essential travel. Isn't it remarkable that we have all become used to this way of living and working and our vocabulary has changed too? If your child received a shielding letter, please make contact with your GP as shielding has been extended until March 31st: if this is the case, family members do not need to shield.

We know that a further week of home learning may feel a stretch but please, keep at it. Only one more week and then we can take the lead again, with your support. There is a lot of media coverage on how children are 'behind', how learning has been 'lost' and the negative language, in my opinion, is not helping anyone. We need to see it as a time when we needed to work differently-we did; you needed to home school-you did; and now, to ensure the children make the progress they need, we also need to make sure they enjoy the return, engage with their friends, participate in lots of physical play and be outdoors as much as possible –and we will.

Next week I will share with you further information regarding drop off and pick up but please remember, the children need to be in school uniform. You have a week to get sorted but, if you need anything, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely
N. Finn

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