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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last week, we are writing to set out our plans for the return of all the children to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. This is a moment that we have all been waiting for and all of the staff are really looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school.

We have been advised by the Government that the roadmap out of lockdown is one that is not reversible, and the key milestones every 5 weeks are significant for us all. We have to remember that, whilst the schools will begin to return, lockdown measures will still remain in place and so we will be taking an appropriately cautious approach when reopening fully.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we welcome children back into all year groups.

- The school day will begin at 8:45am and end at 3:15pm. The gates will close at 9:00am.
- We will continue to use the East Grove entrance in the mornings and afternoons.
- We ask that families respect social distancing when on the school playground and let their children walk into class on their own, so as to minimise contact inside the school building.
- All children should wear school uniform each day and bring their own water bottle. This bottle should be taken home each night to be washed.

**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, all children must come to school. We do, however, understand that there may be some family circumstances that make this more complicated, and so we ask that you contact the school as soon as possible next week to discuss this with us.**

Our key focus at this point is to get everyone back into school. We will be in touch with families once we know what after school clubs we can safely offer in the coming weeks, including Barny's Club.

Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing on building the class and school community. We will be exploring our new Shine rules of **Shine Safe**, **Shine Kind** and **Shine Respect**. We will be delivering a rich and varied curriculum with a focus on language and communication, as well as building relationships with staff and peers. This will help us to support the children's learning, help to identify their individual needs, and will provide support for their mental well-being.

**Polite reminder: If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms or has a positive test result, or a member of the household does, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days and the school will need to be informed.**

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Debbie Fisher and Jon Barr  
Co-Headteachers

