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Dear Parents

So we had the fantastic news on Monday that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. We will communicate all measures that will be in place to make the children's return as safe as possible, early next week as there are a few elements we need to finalise. Most of the measures will be exactly as they were before Christmas so don't expect any major changes.

I can completely appreciate there will be many children and parents who are anxious about the return to school but please be assured we will do our best to keep your children as safe as possible. If there are any specific worries or needs, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs Simpson at your earliest convenience so we can plan ahead. In addition, the latest CAMHS support advice for parents and children to help with anxiety about returning to school after lockdown can be found on our website in the COVID-19 section. It is very extensive and full of information, so please do take a look.

In addition, we have set up a really simple questionnaire for your children to complete with or without your help. This will just give staff an idea of how the children have got on and how they feel about coming back.

After a settling in period, most probably before Easter, we will complete some formal assessments to see where gaps may have arisen and/or where we need to take the children next.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will also be a further insight to hear how the children have got on at home and how teachers have perceived their efforts online.

If you have not booked your slot for parents evening please do so by Sunday 28th February.

Non-screen Day and World Book Day

As you may be aware Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and a few parents have asked about dress-up. We are more than happy for the children to dress-up for their online lessons or for those in school to come in to school dressed up. But there is no pressure, you have plenty on your plates so don't feel the children need to.

Do also remember Friday 5th March is our Non-Screen day and the activities set will be based on World Book Day.

School Meals

If your child will be having school meals when we all return on Monday, 8th March, please order a meal option, either 'M' (meat meal) or 'V' (vegetarian) via SCOPAY.

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Please ensure you order meals as much in advance as possible, so that we can give the catering staff accurate numbers, to order food ready for the first week back. If feasible we ask for meal choices to be selected at least two weeks in advance.

Meals should be ordered before Friday 12 noon for the following week. If you have not ordered by this time you will have to provide a packed lunch for your child as the kitchen will not be able to accommodate extra numbers.

Parent Governor Ballot

You will recall that we need to elect two Parent Governors and as we had received more nominations than the number of vacancies, an online secret ballot is currently being held.

Every parent of a registered pupil at the school is eligible to vote. If you have any problems accessing the online form, please contact the school office. The closing date and time for receipt of votes is 12 noon on Friday 5th March.

Face Coverings

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are not wearing face coverings when they collect their children from school. Can I remind you that this and social distancing continues to apply whilst on the school premises.

Take care and God bless.



Mrs L M Harris
HEAD TEACHER



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