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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on school's position in relation to opening after the half term break. After the initial Government's announcement at the beginning of January we reduced pupil and staff numbers on site to ensure our community remained safe taking into consideration the lack of social distancing, high staff ratios and the size of the school and its staff in total.

We have been working with the Local Authority to support us to open for more pupils with a view of Special School staff being in a priority group for the vaccine. A vaccine rollout programme has been confirmed for staff this week and will commence prior to the half term break. The vaccine will offer a further layer of protection for our school community, although we still need to adhere to the safety measures we had in place prior to Christmas.

With this in mind after half term we invite all pupils back into school where parents feel this is right for their child. We must not underestimate the continued pandemic, and the risks the school environment can bring however, we do appreciate that home learning is not always beneficial for all of our pupils, we recognise a lack of structure and routine can be difficult for all of our families. Pupils will remain in their original bubbles, there will be no off-site activities, physical Education or Forest Schools during the lockdown however, we will be offering swimming to pupils every other week.

I do appreciate this will be a difficult decision for many parents, and unfortunately it is a decision that you need to make as a family. We have in place a number of safety measures to support the prevention of the spread of COVID, but these measures will not eradicate it from school completely, all our safety measures are outlined with the risk assessment on the website. We will support all parents who wish their children to come in school (this will be on a full-time basis only) but equally we will support those parents who wish for their children to remain at home. There will be no fines issued for children whose parents wish them to remain at home.

We will be offering a programme of remote learning; however, this may not look exactly like it has during this first half term as all teachers will be back in school on a full-time basis.

Please complete the form below to let us know if you require a full-time place after half term.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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