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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you managed to find time to switch off and relax over the half-term break and that you and your family remain safe and healthy.

I am sure you followed the Prime Ministers announcement last night regarding his “road-map” for the easing of lockdown, beginning with the return of **all** children to school on the 8th March. We are delighted by this announcement and are looking forward to having all of our children back at school, learning and socialising alongside their friends. They have already missed so much learning time this year and it is vital we get them back in the class as soon as possible.

As such, staff will be making contact with families over the course of the next two weeks to discuss children returning and to offer support and guidance where children may have anxieties. The government has made it clear that attendance from the 8th March is compulsory for all children and our normal attendance procedures will re-commence. We would encourage any parent/carer who has any concerns about their child(ren) returning to school to ring us and discuss those concerns.

When all children return, we will again apply our staggered start and finish times (with some minor amendments), which will be sent out over the course of the next two weeks. Children will continue to work in their ‘bubbles’ and will have separate outside space for break and lunchtimes.

Our remote learning offer will continue to remain in place over the next two weeks and for any bubble closures we may experience when children return to school. In addition, we will be making the most of our recent success with technology and using these as platforms for setting homework and further home-learning tasks.

The Trust has decided to continue to close after lunch on a Friday until the Easter holidays, when it will be reviewed again. Can I please remind you that you must collect your child(ren) from school at the time stated for their class.

Finally, we communicate regularly on our Facebook page, via SeeSaw, Twitter, Marvellous Me and Parent Mail so please keep up-to-date with what is going on in school.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Mills
Headteacher

