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Dear Parents/Carers

Return from 8th March 2021

On 22nd February, the government announced that, from 8th March onwards, all pupils should attend school. If a pupil is unable to attend school due to being extremely clinically vulnerable then you must provide a doctor's letter clearly outlining that your child cannot attend school.

We will be writing to you shortly with all of the details but, in the meantime, we thought you would appreciate an overview.

A lot of what we already had in place to reduce the risk of transmission will remain the same. There are two key changes, in line with the government guidance, which you can find in full here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

- As the document explains, testing is an important part of the government's strategy. Initially, we will be administering tests in school before everyone moves to a 'home testing' model. We anticipate a staggered return so that we can test all pupils for who we have consent. We will notify you which day your child will be returning in our follow-up letter. After the initial programme of three tests in school, pupils will be provided with two rapid tests to use each week at home.
- As a temporary extra measure which will be reviewed at Easter, the government is asking that staff and pupils wear face coverings in all areas, including classrooms, where social distancing cannot be maintained. Therefore, unless they are exempt, pupils will be wearing their masks in lessons. They will not be wearing them when engaged in physical exercise.

We are eager to get everyone back to school as swiftly and safely as possible and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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