



Thursday 25th February

Dear Parents/Carers

We are so delighted that following the announcement on Monday we will be able to have all our lovely children back in school and be together as a happy school community once again. Thank goodness! Things are currently looking very positive and there is definitely sunshine on the horizon.

However it is important for us to remember that while the children will be returning, the country will remain in lockdown and all the procedures we had in place in the autumn term and throughout restricted opening, will need to continue as rigorously as they have been.

The whole school risk assessment has been reviewed and exemplifies the measures we have in place to ensure that the school is as safe a place as possible.

I understand that some of you may be concerned about sending your child to school; please get in touch if you are worried. I will be sending out a further letter early next week with information and reminders about the safety procedures and arrangements we have in place. These will continue as before. The teachers will also be in touch regarding PE days/home learning etc.

We are aware that some children may find the return to school a little strange and worrying as they have had another long period absent. They may feel unconfident about their friendships, be upset at leaving you, be worried about learning expectations and some may be worried about Covid. They may also be tired from the change in routine. On their return, we will have a key focus on supporting the children with socialising, friendships, learning and playing with others, physical exercise and outdoor learning. We will also continue to have a full wellbeing programme in place across the school to link with our jigsaw PSHE programme.

From March 8th there will again be the expectation that all children must attend school; please let us know if your child would benefit from some additional support prior to returning so that we can help them with any feelings of anxiety or worry. If you are aware of any incidents, experiences or their feelings about lockdown which may affect your child's wellbeing on return to school, it would be very useful to know before full opening on March 8th. We can then work in partnership with you and your child to identify strategies to support them. Please e mail either the class teacher or myself in confidence.

We are all looking forward so much to welcoming the whole school community back on Monday 8th March and seeing you and the children.

Kindest regards

Mrs Jackie Halliday
Headteacher