



Dear Parents and Carers,

I firstly wanted to start by thanking you all for your continued support and dedication over the last couple of months. All staff understand how difficult it is for you as parents to home-school your children during periods of lockdown. We know how committed you have been to this and your engagement with school and with learning, at whatever level possible for you, has been fantastic. We greatly appreciate that all parents and families have faced their own challenges and everyone's circumstances are different. We know how hard it has been for parents who feel their child should have able to attend school but who have not been able to. In turn, I know that you appreciate that as a staff we wanted nothing more than to welcome all children back to school in January but this was not possible and school have been bound to follow government guidance when reviewing places in school for children. We know these guidance based decisions have caused disappointment for some families. These have been difficult decisions for leaders in school to make as we absolutely want to support our families where we can.

Looking ahead, I along with all staff are absolutely delighted to be welcoming all children back to school on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I would like to reassure you that now, as throughout the pandemic, we are continuing to implement our full risk assessment and protective measures in order to limit the risk of transmission of COVID 19 and to quickly implement protective measures should we be notified of a confirmed case within school. A summary of these are included below:

- The doors to school will be open from 8.40.
- Collection times: 3.20 for EYFS and KS1, 3.30 for KS2
- Parents/carers are asked to follow the one way system around the school building
- Parents/carers are asked not to congregated with other parents on or outside of the school grounds
- All parents and carers are asked to wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds, unless you are exempt from doing so.
- To limit the number of people on site, we ask that only one parent enters the grounds to drop children off.
- Parents to follow isolation guidance and obtain a test when asked to by the school or where a family member develops symptoms.

Unfortunately, staff are still unable to conduct face to face meetings with parents and carers at this time. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or the school office. If you need further support I can also be contacted via the school office.

I appreciate that these measure may not always be convenient and we certainly want to avoid the difficulty of staff challenging parents over these matters and so we thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation with our safety measures. As always, we continue to place the safety of our school community at the heart of all our decisions.

Finally, I know parents are rightly concnered about the impact of lockdown on both children's mental health and also their learning. There have been lots of media reports of strategies for 'catch- up'.In order to support the wellbeing of our pupils as well as their learning we will be implementing our updated 'Succeed Strategy' from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a rigorous and detailed strategy to ensure that wellbeing and mental health is supported and learning is quickly caught up and pupils receive the support they need. We implemented our initial succeed strategy in September 2020 and it had a really positive impact upon pupil learning and wellbeing and so we are confident it will again. We will then share further details with parents about other measures we will be taking once pupils return to school.

Thank you once again for your support. I very much look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.



**Mrs Driver**  
**Head of School**

