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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I said in my previous letter, we are so looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on **Monday 8th March**. We want you to feel as supported as possible at this time of transition which we once again face. With this in mind, there are some aspects which you may want to begin thinking about in preparation for the full return of all children to school next week.

For those children who have been learning remotely at home for this period of national lockdown, this will be yet another change in routine. Whilst we know that the children are resilient and able to adapt to different situations (which we have been immensely proud of), this can still be another challenging time of change. It would be really beneficial if you could begin to talk to your child about the return to school next week. There may be a wide range of emotions from feeling nervous and slightly anxious to feeling excited. It is important that there is an opportunity for the children to express and discuss their feelings and to talk to you about any thoughts and feelings which they may have.

This is also equally important for those children who have continued to attend school during this time. They have also become used to a different routine and, alongside the preparation in school, it would be beneficial for you to also be having these discussions at home and helping to prepare them for the return of all children to school.

**Uniform expectations** have continued during this period and all children will be expected to return to school in their full school uniform. It would be useful if, over the coming week, the children could put on their uniform to see if it still fits and to become familiar with this process once more. It will also be a good idea to check that your child's school shoes still fit as they can grow so quickly in a short space of time! This will, again, help the children to begin to prepare for their return.

We realise that sourcing new uniform and particularly shoes in this period of lockdown is extremely difficult and apart from the larger supermarkets and online shops you may need to wait until the shops reopen, we will of course be sympathetic to this and know that you will do your best to find alternatives where you can! If you have any questions regarding uniform expectations then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Due to the systems of control which we will continue to implement at this time (in line with government guidelines) we will continue to ensure that all spaces are well ventilated. This may result in these spaces not being as warm as they would normally be at this time of year. With this in mind, you may wish to provide your child with warm tights or a t-shirt under their school uniform; it is important that your child is comfortable. Please can I ask that the colours are neutral and as near to the school uniform as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

We will resume PE with Mrs Stanley, our specialist teacher from Spires College, on Wednesdays so please can you also ensure that your child has a PE kit to wear to school every Wednesday,



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starting this week, **Wednesday 10th March**. Dark tracksuit bottoms or shorts accompanied by a plain white or school t-shirt and school jumper.

Being away from school can potentially result in a loss of routine and it will be important for children to become familiar with this once again. This week will provide a good opportunity to re-establish the routines that children are used to when they attend school. You may want to discuss the importance of an early bedtime, drinking plenty of water, getting fresh air and eating healthily. We will be working hard to ensure that we are supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all children when they return to school and this preparation will help a great deal with this.

I will be signposting you to further information this week regarding the arrangements for children in school on Monday but please be assured these are just reminders rather than any new arrangements. The school will operate in the same way as the Autumn Term with the same drop off and pick up points, the same bubble and class structure and the same arrangements for lunches and break times.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Mrs Edwards  
Head of Academy