



5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and enjoying the lighter nights and first signs of Spring.

As we head towards Monday and the full re-opening of schools, I wanted to thank you for all you have done to support us over the last twelve months, but particularly since January 4<sup>th</sup>. I fully appreciate how challenging home schooling has been. Trying to juggle work life, home life and teach your child / children, is almost impossible. There is now light at the end of the tunnel.

We cannot wait to have the children back in school; all the staff have really missed them. Although key worker children have been attending throughout Lockdown, there were still many empty classrooms and the playground was not quite the same. We hope your children are looking forward to Monday. Please take time over the weekend to re-assure them if they are nervous and let a member of staff know if you are worried.

I appreciate that some of you may be feeling anxious about your children returning to school. That is totally understandable. We endeavour to make our schools as safe as possible. We have detailed risk assessments in operation and additional cleaning, hand washing procedures etc. will continue to be in place. Obviously, we cannot guarantee that our schools will be 'virus free' but we will do our utmost to make them as safe as possible.

If you have enjoyed home learning, you may want to volunteer and become a school reading buddy or classroom helper, when schools are operating as normal, in the not too distant future. If you are interested, please let a member of staff know. However, you may just be glad to hang up your teacher's hat and leave home learning in the past!

Once again, thank you for being so supportive and for all the lovely messages to you have sent to staff. They really appreciate them.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy Monday morning.

Best wishes

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