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To: Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers

Return to school on 8 March

We hope you and your family have continued to stay safe during this very difficult time. You will be aware that the government have stated that all children must return to school from Monday 8 March and that attendance at school will be compulsory.

It is great news that pupils will return to the classroom next week and we know everybody in the school community cannot wait to welcome them back. But we know that the return to school will not be without some worries for many of you and we want to reassure you that schools are working hard to do all they can to ensure the return to school is as safe as possible and that young people will be well-supported with both learning and mental wellbeing in the coming weeks and months.

We are sure you will agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to all the school leaders and staff who have worked so hard to ensure all pupils can return to school from Monday but know that you will appreciate that things will not revert to what we knew as 'normal' prior to COVID-19 any time soon. With this in mind it is important that as a parent / carer you remain vigilant to the virus and ensure you continue to follow the Public Health England guidelines and show patience when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

We are sure that you agree that being in school is the best place for our children socially, academically and for their health and wellbeing but if you have any concerns ahead of the return to school, do get in touch with your child's school as soon as possible, who will be happy to provide further reassurance.

Thanks as always for your support, especially in helping to keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely



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