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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a very relaxing half term break and are pleased to hear the news that the end of a very lengthy lockdown is now in sight. We are grateful to you all for your patience and for supporting your children throughout all of this, as well as giving us great support too.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back into school following the government's announcement yesterday, for schools to be open to all pupils from Monday 8th March. Please remember that the same advice from the government exists for anyone with symptoms to self-isolate and book a test, remaining at home until the results are received and to keep the school fully informed. A positive result will mean 10 days self-isolating from first symptoms with siblings remaining home; if any child is in contact with anyone who has tested positive, then self-isolation also begins for 10 days from the day of contact. Nothing has changed in the guidance and we still need to be vigilant with social distancing and more frequent handwashing.

We are in the process of reviewing our risk assessment and in order to keep safe, we will still need to remain in our bubbles, following social distancing in school and out of school, so please be aware that we will be continuing with our staggered entry and exit times for year groups as follows:

Year 4: 8.30 – 15.05

Year 5: 8.40 – 15.15

Year 6: 8.50 – 15.25

Year 3: 9.00 – 15.35

Please try to ensure social distancing outside the main school gate, from other adults and other children, by dropping off and collecting as close to these times as possible. It's important to keep the pedestrian pathway clear along the entrance to the main drive, for children to safely arrive and leave without any need to try to avoid adults gathering at the entrance.

Thank you for your consideration as we try to ensure the safety of all our children. We will still continue with the safety measures already in place for extra cleaning, extra handwashing, ventilation of all areas and keeping our staff and bubbles separate at break and lunch times. Staff will aim to maintain social distancing as much as they are able to and may wear a face mask/visor. We are so close now to getting back to normal that it would be foolish to disregard all the safety measures we have had previously in place - we do not want to return to another lockdown! Stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher

