

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we collectively handle the challenges posed by Covid-19.

You will no doubt have seen the Prime Minister's announcement that primary schools will re-open fully, for all pupils, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking forward very much to having all children back in our academy, and want to assure you that – as has been the case throughout the coronavirus crisis – we will ensure the academy is as safe as it possibly can be. Your child's health, and the health of all our pupils and staff, is the most important factor always for us.

There are a number of specific points about the full return to school that I wanted to set out in this letter, which I hope are helpful.

### **Testing**

- Primary school children will not be required to be tested for Covid-19 when schools re-open to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- However, any child who develops Covid-19 symptoms should self-isolate immediately, as now, according to Government guidelines.
- Our staff will continue to test themselves at home and will be provided with two rapid Covid-19 tests each week.

### **Face coverings**

- Primary school children do not need to wear a face covering when in school.
- However, the Government has recommended that face coverings should be worn by primary school staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). This policy will be reviewed over the Easter Holidays so is in place until at least the end of term.
- Therefore, when visiting the school, please use a face covering.

The Government's announcement indicates we are tentatively returning to normal. However, I want to reiterate how alert we are to the continued risk of Covid-19. We will continue to adhere to stringent health and safety measures now, and when fully open. Your support in helping us be as safe as possible is much appreciated and will help ensure we stay open to all pupils, and keep your child, our staff, and you, safe.

I hope this letter is helpful, and reassuring, and we look forward to welcoming all our children back on Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ruth King  
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