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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recent announcement, we are pleased to confirm that we will be able to reopen the school to all pupils on 8th March. We are currently working through the details but anticipate that we will operate in a similar fashion to the Autumn Term including with staggered start and finish times and working to keep pods separate from each other as much as possible.

We will re-evaluate our COVID documents which are all available on the school [website](#). We will also look closely at the curriculum to ensure time is given to welcome children back and support them with their well-being.

At this time, we do not intend to operate breakfast club or after-school clubs with the exception of Aktiva which you will be able to [book](#) for after school care from 8th March. Maths tuition sessions led by Miss White will also be continuing. We will look to restart after-school activities after the Easter break.

Our remote schooling offer will remain in place for all children learning from home until Thursday 4th March. Work will be set for Friday 5th March, however there will be no Zoom lessons so that class teachers can return to set up their classrooms. In-school provision for vulnerable pupils and those of key workers will continue as usual on Friday 5th March.

Attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils from Monday 8th March, with the exception of any children who are having to self-isolate or quarantine due to suspected or actual infection or having recently returned from overseas. Families returning from abroad must follow [the law on entering the UK](#). Families must adhere to the requirement to quarantine before returning to school.

In accordance with the latest [operational guidance](#) for schools, we will do all we can to prevent the spread of infection. Nevertheless, in the event of a positive case at school, all close contacts will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

Close contact means:

- anyone who lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) with a PCR or LFD test:
 - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
 - been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

- travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

It is therefore essential that every member of the school community continues to conduct themselves in a manner which reduces close contact to the minimum. We strongly urge you to bear this in mind, particularly at the start and the end of the day when dropping off and collecting your child.

We will communicate details with you over the course of the next week or so. As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions. Wishing you the best of health.

Yours sincerely

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