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Dear Parents,

Following the leak of government plans yesterday and their subsequent confirmation at the government briefing I am writing to inform you that we will be working towards a reopening of our school on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

It is important to clarify that we have no prior warning to these arrangements and learnt about these plans at the same time as everyone else. Government guidelines to schools were issued at 18.51 last night.

In light of this change in our method of teaching, and the need for our staff to work together to ensure we prioritise our children's education within school, my first step is to notify you that we are now setting the 5<sup>th</sup> March as a non-pupil day. This is to enable teachers to prepare themselves and their classrooms for pupils' return and also to enable us to revisit training to ensure the school is as Covid secure as possible. This re-allocation of non-pupil days will have a knock on effect for the allocation of our remaining days and we will notify you as soon as we have considered our new plans.

Whilst we will write again to confirm all the arrangements for our return to school let me firstly provide you with some information to enable you to prepare your children and families for the return.

Our intention is to return to the autumn model with staggered entry and exit times for all year groups. We intend that all children should continue to wear a school PE kit to enable daily exercise. They will continue to need their own water bottle and snack that they can access independently. EYFS and KS1 will receive a free fruit snack from the government.

Arrangements for breakfast club and after school club will return. Shortly, we will release the opportunity to book children in for all around care from 7.15am to 9.00am and from 3.00pm until 5.30pm at an additional cost (£4 for breakfast club, £7 for after school club).

Arrangements to book school dinners will also be released shortly and whilst EYFS and KS1 are entitled to universal free school meals we would ask that you book your child's meal please so that we know how many lunches to order from our supplier. KS2 children must also book a school lunch; (£2.50) we recommend these to you as a local supplier who has like others been hit by this national pandemic.

Thank you for your continued support during this national pandemic, your appreciation and encouragement is warmly received.

Yours sincerely

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