

Hello everyone

So, as I am sure you are all aware, the announcement last night confirmed that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. You may well have some mixed feelings about this, but we have been here before and I hope that you know that we will do all that we can to make sure that the return to school is managed in a way that puts your child's safety and welfare at the heart of all decisions we make. Most of the parents I have spoken to so far seem rather pleased about the news - and I have to say the staff at school are really excited about welcoming back ALL children to school.

We have again updated our risk assessment, and this is available on our school website under 'Statutory Information'. However, I have also attached to this email a more concise outline of the risk assessment which it is essential that you read before your child returns to school.

Much of what we put in place for September will remain in place - for the time being at least - and will be reviewed again at Easter. However, the main difference will be for children in KS1 as we have decided to move to year group bubbles, instead of class bubbles. This is primarily because key worker children have had to be in mixed year group bubbles already but it also means that friendships can be renewed across classes which we feel is very important at the moment, and also the children will have more space outside at playtime and lunchtime. It will of course mean that if we have a positive case in the year group there is the likelihood that all children will have to self-isolate, as it currently the case in year R.

Before our return to school we will also be launching our 'Hammond Heart' initiative. This is a joint venture with the Junior School which is all about the well-being of the whole school community - children, parents and staff. There will be more information about this to follow....so watch this space!

With the lovely spring weather making a welcomed appearance I hope, like me, that your spirits have lifted and you can begin to see light at the end of the tunnel. For me our children have always been that 'light', brightening our days and making us smile, and the thought that they will soon be back in school is the best news that we could have had.

As always, if you have any concerns you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

With love from

Jacky