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Dear Parents and Carers

Back to school I am delighted that we will be able to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8 March. Very little has changed in the updated version of the government's guidance for primary schools. Therefore, the school day will be structured in the same way that it was in the autumn term. Our system of controls will remain in place: staggered start times, working in bubbles, additional hygiene measures, enhanced cleaning, social distancing, ventilation of classrooms, the use of face masks by staff etc.

Some noteworthy points from the guidance:

- Primary aged children will not be required to take Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. Staff will continue to take these tests twice a week, at home.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club will continue to operate. Children should only attend these to support parents/carers with working, seeking work, for education or training, or for medical reasons. For some children, Breakfast and After School Club forms part of their provision – these children can continue to attend both clubs.
- Educational visits are not permitted currently. However, I am very hopeful that the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Osmington will go ahead in June, in line with the planned easing of national restrictions.
- Within the section of the guidance regarding arriving at and leaving the school site, it is stipulated that parents should not “gather at the gates” and that parents should not “come onto the site without an appointment.”
- From Monday 8 March, school attendance is compulsory. Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child returning to school.

Reminder: no Class Calls this Thursday

The school WiFi system is being upgraded on Thursday 25 February, therefore there will be no Class Calls for the duration of the day. Class Calls will resume on Friday morning.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Veness', written in a cursive style.

Mr. J. Veness