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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all managed to take advantage of the better weather and the break from learning last week.

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday, we are really looking forward to getting all of the children back on the 8th March.

The new guidance and required safety measures for schools are greatly as they were before Christmas, with the main exception being that staff are now undertaking twice-weekly Covid LFD tests at home. Therefore, children will be dropped off and collected at the same gates and at the same times as they were in the Autumn Term.

Unfortunately, due to the logistics of keeping 'bubbles' separate and long-term staff absence, we will not be able to offer wrap-around care (breakfast and after-school club) for the rest of the term. Hopefully, we will be in a better position to offer this provision in the Summer Term.

Finally, the Government has stated that attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the 8th March. Therefore, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Thank you once again for all of your hard work and support over the last couple of months, which I know have been very challenging for everyone. Hopefully, if we all continue to follow the guidance and infection rates remain low, then we will avoid further lockdowns and disruptions to the children's education.

Kind regards

Simon Minter
Headteacher