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Dear Families,

Hope you all had a lovely break. We had a great first day back yesterday with our numbers rising to 105 in school.

We tested our staff and all pupils eligible, and with permission, and are pleased and very thankful to report all results were negative at this point.

After the Government announcement last night and with the ‘road map’, we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. As stated, schools will be re-opening on March 8th. This doesn’t affect us like it does our mainstream colleagues, as we have never closed, but we do appreciate that for some of you now, you have a date that is considered ‘safer’ in terms of your child being in school.

As this is a date stated by the Government it therefore becomes a legal requirement for your child to return to school on this day, unless there is a letter stating the child needs to shield due to CEV.

A survey has been sent out asking whether you intend to send your child back before the 8th March, on the 8th March or after the 8th March, and reasons for why you are stipulating after the 8th March, which needs to be for shielding reasons. You only need to complete this form if your child is currently NOT in school.

For pupils of Year 7 and over, there is the ability to be tested, so please email covid@rigbyhall.worcs.sch.uk if you would like your child to have this test on their return. They will not be forced to have this so if it distresses them in any way or they do not want to have it, then they simply won’t and this is fine. We will not force them.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you that ALL pupils should now be in school uniform, unless they have forest school or PE. I do not want non-uniform clothes being worn unless this is for a particular day. We need to rebuild this routine and expectation back into schooling for our children.



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The school gates will be opened at 8.50am and closed at 9.05am. If you arrive at school after this time, please go to the main gates and notify the school office who will send class staff out to you. At the end of the day, children can be collected at 2.50pm still.

I am still not having visitors into school so please continue to call or email the office or class staff if you need any messages passing on.

To those children returning in the next couple of weeks, there is an option for hot school meals again and these can be paid for via ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

Although we do have this element of positivity, and light at the end of a very long tunnel, we are by no means there yet so we will continue with the health and safety precautions and measures that we have built up over the past 12 months. We have been very fortunate in that as a whole school community, we have only seen 3 positive cases within the school over the past 12 months, and are very thankful that of these 3 cases, they were all isolated, and mild. We appreciate that staff and wider families have been more deeply impacted by this virus and we continue to send you our best wishes as you come through this, and make you aware that we are still here to help and support you all in any way that you need.

We cannot wait to have all of our children back, but we do so in a cautious manner so please do not think that we are complacent in any way.

I'd also like to say a huge 'Well Done' and 'Thank you' to all of you who have had to take on this new role as a 'home school' teacher. Again, we know this has not been easy and may have caused some stress, so please know we are grateful to you all for 'holding the fort' and we are ready to take that baton back.

I hope that you all remain safe and well.

Kind regards

Tracey



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