



Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School – 8 March

You will undoubtedly have received the news that the government shared on Monday about schools reopening on the 8 March. We are delighted to be welcoming all our children back to school and all staff are very excited to be seeing them in person. Having considered the possible options of how to do this, we have decided to reopen for all pupils on Monday 8 March. Having reviewed our procedures and systems, updated our risk assessment and knowing that the systems we had in place regarding the movement of pupil's around the site to limit contact and maintaining classroom bubbles worked well in the Autumn term, on balance we felt it was appropriate and only right to open for the pupils at the same time. The children can then have three full weeks in school before we break up for Easter.

We appreciate that schools reopening will be greeted with mixed emotions from children and parents alike. Excitement, relief for some that normal socialising can begin in the not too distant future, nervousness about handling yet another change of family routine, and concern about reintegrating back to society and the impact that will have. Staff have therefore spent time considering the well-being of all our pupils and are busy planning a curriculum full of normal lessons to help settle the children on their return.

We will send out further information on Monday with all the details that you might need, or rather need reminding of. As we stated earlier there are no significant changes from the Autumn term.

Uniform

We appreciate that the children will have grown since we last saw them and if you wish to purchase new uniform then please ring the office to arrange purchase and collection. Please do not leave it until 8 March so we can avoid crowding around the reception area.

Launde Care

Launde Care will be operating as it was in the Autumn Term and they are ready to welcome all pupils back on the same arrangement as before Christmas. You will receive the monthly invoice over the coming days.

Home Schooling Thank You

Hopefully only one more week of home schooling and then some sense of normality returning for our families as far as schooling is concerned. At school we have been incredibly grateful for the support you have shown over these difficult weeks in assisting your children with home schooling. We know this has been hard when you have had your own work to do alongside your children learning. We would once again like to say thank you for your efforts to support both staff and children.

Diary Dates

Monday 1 March 2021 –
Whole school biscuit day

Thursday 4 March 2021 –
World Book Day

Monday 8 March 2021 – All
children return to school

Friday 26 March 2021 –
Break up for the Easter
holidays at 3.15pm

Next Week

As we do have one more week of remote learning here is some information regarding that.

The first is on Monday when we are organising a whole school day inspired by biscuits. This is a super opportunity for siblings to work together on the same theme and children to learn different skills through the study of biscuits. Delicious!

The next event in the week is 'World Book Day' on Thursday 4 March. Children both in school and at home are being asked to dress up as their favourite character. World Book day tokens have arrived in school and will be given out on our full reopening. I know staff have been planning a range of exciting activities for this day, including celebrating how imaginative all the potatoes look as book characters. See below for some examples.



Please have these ready for Thursday 4 March. We are looking forward to seeing all the creations.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and are able to enjoy the sunnier weather and the opportunity this brings for going outside on a walk or exploring the garden.