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Covid-19 Update

Re: Full return to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you are all very well and feeling more positive given the recent news from the government, that schools will reopen full time from **Monday 8th March**. This will be the case nationwide and, although Special Schools like ours have seen the majority of students some of the time, the full resumption of school will be very positively received, by most if not all.

I am very much aware that some parents and carers will continue to be anxious. The 8th of March return date is a guide, and teachers will be in touch with you to confirm whether you are confident in sending your child, on a full time basis, from then. If you are not, do please indicate how you would like to begin returning more gradually, by stating which days you intend your child to return to school. We have been informed by the Department for Education guidance that normal attendance expectations will resume, although we do understand that we will need to be flexible with some individuals and families.

As a school, we will continue to maintain preventative measures. A large number of staff have taken the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and in addition, the government have provided home-based test-kits for staff to use on a weekly basis. Secondary aged students are also encouraged to undergo weekly Covid-19 tests, and the kits are available from us as a school, for your child. We know that some secondary students will have difficulty taking the test. I would like to reassure you that they will still be able to attend school even if they cannot do the test but do please speak with us if you are having difficulty, and would like to regularly test your child.

Your class teacher will be in touch this week, or early next, about your child returning to school full time, so that we can advise transport and also provide your child with a set of test kits. Please note, this is **only** required for secondary aged students. Guidance about what to do with the test result and what will happen if your son/daughter is positive (or a contact of a positive person) will also be provided in your conversation with your class teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely,

Freddie Adu,

Headteacher

