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Dear parents,

We hope you are keeping well and are looking forward to the 8th March. Please can we take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given your child over the lockdown period. We understand how difficult this period has been for everybody.

The children are all welcome in school on Monday, 8th March. The arrangements for arrival at school, and collection, are as they were in the Autumn term – therefore you use the door that you were using just prior to the lockdown. The doors will open from 8.45am and we would ask that you maintain social distance both from staff and from each other in the playground and surrounding areas. We politely asked parents/carers to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises and we ask that you do so again as we welcome the children back to school. Please can we also urge you not to congregate near the school gates or in groups. As before, if there is a positive case in school, the bubble will have to close and remote learning for that bubble will start again.

We will continue to follow our Covid-19 risk assessment; therefore, children will work and play in their 'bubbles'. Children will need to wear their PE kit to come to school on their PE days. We will text this information to you so you are aware of which days your child needs to come in their PE kit. The lunch arrangements will also stay the same when we return, therefore junior children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school or will be given a school packed lunch if they are entitled to free school meals. The infant children will be having hot lunches in the dining room, however if you send your child with a packed lunch to school then you are welcome to do so as usual.

We are delighted to be welcoming the children back to school but cannot emphasise enough the importance of following the Covid-19 procedures. If your child feels at all unwell then they should not be sent to school as we continue to follow the guidance from the Blackpool Director of Public Health regarding the lower level symptoms. The lower level symptoms are as follows; *aches and pains, sore throat, headache, feeling tired/exhausted, diarrhoea and vomiting, rashes.*

If you have any of the coronavirus symptoms below you must get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result. This includes keeping children at home should someone in the household display these symptoms:

-a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

-a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



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-a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

We look forward to seeing the children on Monday and we very much hope we can maintain the full opening of the school going forward with your support in following guidelines and restrictions.

Yours sincerely



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