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Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I start by thanking you again for all your support during the latest lockdown. We have been overwhelmed with the number of messages of support received and I would like to reiterate how much this means to staff across the trust. Whether your child has been in school or working from home, it has been, and will continue to be, a challenging time for everyone and your positivity and flexibility is very much appreciated.

I am sure that you will have heard the update last night that schools will be open fully again from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. From this day, it will compulsory for all children\* to return to school and we will be returning to a very similar situation to that in place during the Autumn Term.

*\*If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable and has received a letter from their GP, the current advice is to remain at home until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Home learning will be provided if your child is in this category, otherwise we look forward to welcoming your child/ren back into school.*

Schools will be sending out individual, specific details over the next week so that everyone is completely clear about expectations around school, bubbles, dropping off/collection, school meals, wraparound care, and any other important information. I am sure you can appreciate that there is a great deal to arrange and we are grateful for your patience and understanding whilst we organise everything and prepare our schools for the welcome return of all pupils.

As a final note, and to give as much notice and support as possible with the return to normality, schools will be offering their full wraparound hours from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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