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Dear Parents & Carers

As you will be aware schools are re-opening from next week, and I am delighted to say that our school will be fully open for all pupils from Monday 8th March. I am sure you are as pleased as the staff are to get the children back to full-time school.

The school and classrooms will be operating as they did for the Autumn term. So we will still arrive between 8.30 and 9.00am, and leave between 2.45 and 3.15pm to allow social distancing for adults. We will continue with frequent handwashing and rest equipment for 48 hours between uses. Children in Chestnut class will still have their designated seat and personal equipment for their sole use. We encourage the wearing of school uniform, but understand that more frequent laundering may result in non-uniform clothes occasionally. School lunches are available as normal.

Thank you for completing work at home with children. I hope it has helped both you and the children during this long lockdown. As before, teachers will be assessing children to determine where they are with their learning now. Once this is done they will plan the next steps for the children. We will change reading books and send them home as quickly as we can, once the teachers have established the book level required.

We will also be doing lots of work on mindfulness, well-being and social skills to help the children adjust to the school environment again. Of course just being back with their friends will go a long way towards improving the general happiness and well-being of most of the children. It will be another period of adjustment though, and we will support the children as the routines of school life become familiar again. If you have any concerns about your child's return to school, please speak to the classteacher after school (at the gate, or by phone).

There is information below about Lateral Flow Testing Kits if you require any.

As always, if you need to chat about anything at all, please let me know.

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Lateral Flow Testing Kits

The following information was sent to schools by Derbyshire Education Authority:

Information on lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff.

On 27 February 2021, the government announced that from 1 March 2021, a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil can get a twice-weekly test

- through their employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online.

This service should be available from 1 March 2021 onwards. Further details of this announcement can be found in the link below.

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)

There are community testing sites in different parts of the county.
The centres are open every day and please see the link below for exact opening times and locations.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/healthprotection/disease-control/coronavirus/community-testing/community-testing-for-covid-19.aspx> 3.



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