Dear Parent/Carers,

This letter seeks to provide an acknowledgement of the Prime Minister’s announcement and a timescale for the sharing of our further plans.

**Schools to open to all pupils on Monday March 8th**

I am sure you are aware the much anticipated ‘roadmap’ for easing restrictions in England has been announced. Face to face education has been prioritised and, in the first part of stage 1, all schools will open to all pupils on 8th March. Staff and parents/carers will be pleased that the improvement in data trends and the rapid roll out and take up of the vaccine has allowed for this full reopening. We hope that all children are looking forward to returning to school. We are certainly looking forward to welcoming all children back.

**Further information from Monday 1st March**

Prior to Monday’s announcement, we had already started preparations to support the return to school of all pupils. We will be taking the rest of the week to finalise preparations and implement guidance from Local Authority and the additional guidance received last night from the DFE (DFE schools coronavirus operational guidance from 8th March).

We are aiming to share further information with parents/carers and children from Monday 1st March. In the meantime, it may reassuring to your child to know that, as much as possible, school is likely to be very similar to how it was prior to the Christmas holidays. Your child will be returning to the same class bubble of classmates, same teachers and support staff, same classroom, same staggered drop off, play time, lunchtime and collection arrangements. There will as always be an emphasis on learning and pupil wellbeing.

We look forward to sharing more information soon and to welcoming all children back on Monday 8th March.

Your Sincerely

Mr David Harrison

Headteacher