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Dear Parents/Carers,

Full return to school for all pupils - 8th March 2021

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on 8th March and would like to clarify a few points prior to this date.

Return to school handbook

We have updated our '[Return to School Handbook](#)' to give parents and carers as much information as possible about the return on 8th March. Whilst many things are staying the same, I would urge you to look through this booklet carefully and contact the school office if you have any queries. Please follow the link above to view the booklet.

Attendance requirements

As from Monday 8th March all pupils are required to attend school as normal. This means that the current remote learning arrangements will cease from Friday 5th March. The only exception to this will be for children deemed to be 'extremely clinically vulnerable', who are unable to return to school as they are required to 'shield' (and you have received a letter from the NHS confirming this), or where a child is required to self isolate. We will continue to ensure remote learning provision is in place for any such children, so if your child is shielding or self isolating, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to put appropriate arrangements in place.

Live learning sessions

Live sessions for all pupils will continue up to and including the morning of **Wednesday 3rd March**. Wednesday afternoon, Thursday & Friday will be time for staff to prepare the school for re-opening on Monday 8th March. There will be no live sessions on these days, however children will still need to complete any work set on their Google classrooms for these 2 days. Any children currently attending school will continue to do so, up until Friday 5th March.

Nursery

Nursery will continue to open for morning sessions only (8:40-11:40am) for the foreseeable future. This is so that we can keep the nursery children together as one bubble.

In school provision - next week

We will continue to provide in school teaching to those children of key workers or vulnerable children who are already attending. Our in school provision is now at capacity for the staffing levels we have. **We will therefore not be able to admit any further children into school until Monday 8th March.**

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World Book Day - change of date

We are very much looking forward to our World Book Day celebrations and cannot wait to see children (and staff) dressed up whilst taking part in a super Vocabulary Parade. With this in mind, we have decided to **postpone our World Book Day activities** until **Thursday 18th March**, in order that all children can fully celebrate this exciting day in school alongside their classmates and teachers.

Breakfast & After School Club

Breakfast & After School Club will reopen from the 8th March. Breakfast Club will start at 7:30am as before and After School Club will continue to run until 6pm.

Please book your child in via your Parent Pay account in the usual way to secure your child a place at either of these clubs. All bookings must be made and paid for at least 24 hours (1 day) prior to the required session (bookings cannot be made on the day). Payments **MUST** be made in advance to secure your booking.

Loaned Laptops

If your child borrowed a school laptop for home learning could you please ensure it is returned to school on **Monday 8th March**. Laptops should be handed in to your child's class teacher, with their name on.

School Office

If you have any questions or queries, or need to pass on any information about your child, please continue to contact office staff or members of the teaching team via the office email sbps_office@swale.at or phone 01622 752161. Any questions/ information will be forwarded to the appropriate staff members.

We would like to remind all parents and carers to continue to stay Covid safe and to follow the guidelines in the handbook at all times. This includes the wearing of face coverings and only entering and leaving the site via the correct gates. Your support will enable us to keep both children, parents and staff safe at all times.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 8th March**. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Currie
Head of School