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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the government's announcement last night that schools will reopen on 1st June, I am writing to share with you that we will be going ahead with the arrangements outlined in the letter that was sent to you on Monday. These arrangements have been put into place following a robust risk assessment process.

We are looking forward to seeing the pupils that choose to come into school and I would like to reassure you that the safety of our school community is our priority. We will continue to review the arrangements we have implemented at this stage and update you with any changes as and when we make them. If you have chosen for your child to remain at home the home learning will be available on the learning zone page of the school website and a weekly 'home learning letter' will come to your e-mail address every Friday.

We recognise that some of you may have some concerns about your child returning to school and that another change will be unsettling for some children. We also understand that the past weeks will have been challenging for many families. If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have about their return to school, please – in the first instance – contact the school office via e-mail.

Maintaining a safe school environment

As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you continue to encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

As per the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child at home for a period of 7 days if they develop coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a high temperature or a new, continuous cough. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, you should call 111. If someone in your child's household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on 0116 2811963 at the earliest opportunity.

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Support for pupils and families

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent weeks have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning.

Parents may wish to seek support for themselves from the following support agencies:

- Samaritans – call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247
- Shelter provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues if you call 0330 0536 083 (please note, this is not a free phone number and your call will be charged), or their free web chat is available at https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat

I hope that these arrangements and our previous communications have provided you with the information you need to support your child's education either at home or at school. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting the school over recent weeks and supporting your child with their home learning. You have all been amazing!

Yours sincerely

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