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Dear Parent/Carer,

March 8th at a glance

We are almost there! During the last few days and up until we leave this afternoon, the staff and I have been putting the finishing touches to classrooms, planning and risk assessing etc. We are more than ready and excited to welcome everyone back on Monday. I wrote to you at the start of the week and I hope the information provided was clear. I have had had just one or two questions so I am hopeful that it was.

I must again offer my thanks to everyone including the Trust, parents/carers, the staff and of course the children. During this whole term, each day would have been a very different one but the light is hopefully at the end of the tunnel. Monday will be quiet emotional and I am looking forward to the gates opening once gain. You may have seen from my dance that I was starting to go crazy! If you haven't seen it please do watch and feel free to laugh!! <https://youtu.be/fJ4jnDu0De8> I would love to challenge you and the children to send in your own versions over the weekend!!

Here is a very brief recap in readiness for Monday:

Attendance

Our revised planning and risk assessing has all taken place to allow **all** children to return to school safely from Monday March 8th.

Well-being/Safeguarding

The Cottingham CofE community will again shine and be there for one another. We will be there to **CARE - BUILD - FOLLOW** and **THINK**. As always, we must ensure that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.

Hygiene/Cleaning/PPE

We continue to be more mindful of our own self-hygiene than ever before. As has been the case at school since March 2020, we will continue to promote and expect consistent, good hygiene practises from the staff and the children. Staff will face coverings throughout the day including at drop off/collection. All parents/visitors, are to wear a face covering at these times please unless medically exempt.

Uniform/PE kit/Resources

We will continue to expect all children to wear school uniform. Children will be expected to wear black school shoes as per our usual policy. *I am however, very mindful to everyone's circumstances with regards to purchasing uniform being an issue for a number of reasons. All I ask is that everyone does their best under the current circumstances and that the children are prepared for their learning.*

Learning/Curriculum



Care – Build – Follow - Think



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I endorse the Government guidance that **all** children are to return from March 8th and be taught a broad and balanced curriculum. To adhere to the current advice, all subjects, will be taught (if safe to do so).

Classroom layout/Bubbles/Staggered timings

The government guidance remains for children to be taught in 'bubbles.' This is the approach that we have successfully adhered to since June 1st and is well known to all of the children.

WILLOW	Car Park Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 - 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT – MON/THURS	

ASH	Mill Road Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 – 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT: MON/THURS	

OAK	Field Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:40 – 8:50	3:05
	PE KIT – TUES/THURS	

BEECH	Mill Road Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	8:50 – 9:00	3:15
	PE KIT – TUES/WEDS	

HAWTHORN	Field Gate	
	Gate/register	Pick up
	08:50 – 9:00	3:15
	PE KIT – MON/WEDS	

You will already be aware that we are a NUT FREE school. We also now become a NUT/KIWI FREE school. Thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing you all next week. I have missed you all. Please stay alert and stay safe!

Yours faithfully,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)