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Dear Parent and Carers,

We are thrilled to be able to welcome all children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021. We are looking forward to seeing their happy faces when they are reunited with their friends and teachers!

We will continue much as we did in the autumn term, as there have been no major changes to the guidance since we last updated you. I will review our risk assessment and publish this on our website later this week. We will continue to keep the children in their bubbles and limit close contacts as much as possible. Hedgehogs Class and Squirrels Class will be in Bubble 1, Foxes Class and Badgers Class in Bubble 2.

Gates will open from 8.40 to 8.45am for Bubble 2 and 8.50 to 8.55am for Bubble 1. Pick up times at the end of the day will be at 3.05pm for Bubble 1 and 3.10pm for Bubble 2. Please can I remind you to wear a mask and to keep socially distant when speaking to a member of staff at the gate.

There has been a lot in the media about 'catch up', however we need to first ensure that all our children are ready to be back in school before we can assess where they are. We have a wonderful team of staff with the best knowledge and experience of how to teach, support and help our pupils over the coming months. Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

On a practical note, we do realise that many of the children will have outgrown their school shoes! If this is the case, please do not worry and send your child to school in sensible footwear.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this latest lockdown, adapting how they teach literally overnight to make learning at home and at school as smooth and as interesting as possible.

Thank you for the continued patience and dedication that you have given your children at home. It has been a challenging time for everyone but your support and understanding has been amazing!

Hopefully we are all heading in the right direction for happier times ahead.

With kind regards,

Debbie Shepherd

Acting Headteacher

