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Re-opening of Schools From 8th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night the Prime Minister announced that pupils should return to on site learning at school from 8th March. There is a great deal of detail behind this announcement, in particular relating to conducting Lateral Flow tests in schools. It is fair to say that there are also a number of unanswered questions regarding the logistical challenges involved. We will be carefully scrutinising the guidance over the next few days and I will write to you again once we are able to confirm arrangements for each year group. I must point out immediately that the guidance that has been published so far makes it clear that the return of pupils may need to be phased during the first week to manage the number of pupils passing through the test site at any one time. I am very keen to bring all pupils back into school as soon as possible but it will be impossible to start all pupils on 8th March whilst meeting the requirements regarding testing.

We had hoped to also hear more news regarding the arrangements for awarding of grades to Years 11 and 13 this summer. I understand that this will now be published later this month and we will of course communicate with pupils and parents as soon as we have more information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will be working our hardest on our arrangements over the coming days. In the meantime we will be carrying on with remote learning and it is important that pupils continue to put their best efforts into this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood
Headteacher

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