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To All Parents and Carers

23 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's confirmation yesterday that all children are expected to return to school from Monday 8 March 2021, giving schools, parents and carers two weeks in which to prepare.

To support schools to reopen safely, the Government updated its COVID-19 Operational Guidance yesterday – remember schools were in this position before back in September 2020 – and having read it, I am pleased to say very little has changed. To implement and manage these small changes, the first task we need to do in school is to update our Full Risk Assessment (available to view on the school website) to ensure all our working practices comply with updated guidance. We will then apply these working practices to our reopening plans, which will be shared with you by emailed letter and on the school website on Friday 26 February 2021. Please look out for this letter on your contact email and ParentMail.

At this stage I can tell you Government states that, like last term, attendance at school from Monday 8 March is mandatory, so Edenred Free School Meal Vouchers for eligible children learning at home will stop on Friday 5 March, and that from 8 March:

- Children will be expected to wear school uniform;
- The school's Breakfast Club and The Play Shelter After School Club will be available; please contact the School Office for more information about times and charges;
- The curriculum will focus on closing learning gaps and improving basic skills whilst being broad and balanced;
- Music and PE will continue to be taught;
- Trips and Visits remain suspended;
- All infection control measures – additional handwashing/sanitising, 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it', additional cleaning, social distancing between adults, maintaining consistent groups – will continue.

If you have borrowed a Chromebook or laptop from the school for your child's home learning, please return it to the School Office on Thursday 4 March. (Your child will not need it for home learning on Friday



5 March.) **We need them all back promptly on that day for sanitising and redistributing fairly across the school for the children's use from Monday 8 March.**

Since 4 January Brunswick Park has been open and operating safely for the children of critical workers and those children who for other reasons need to be in school, and we currently have over 30% of our children (about 120) attending regularly in person. We look forward very much to welcoming back the remaining children in a fortnight's time, and will make sure you have all you need to know in good time to get them off to a flying start. Not long now.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bellingham', written in a cursive style.

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher