

Update 23rd February



Good morning,

We were very pleased to hear yesterday that the school will fully re-open to all pupils on 8th March. I am currently reading through the latest guidance to check we will be ready for the children and that everything in and around school will continue to be as safe as we can possibly make it for everyone.

The guidance is very clear that the government expects every child to return to school so, if you have any worries about your children returning, please contact your child's class teacher and talk this through with them. If you have any further concerns I am also very happy to talk to you. Our risk assessment is always available on the school website and will be updated, if necessary, once I have gone through the guidance document in detail.

Please take the opportunity over the next two weeks to check your children's school uniform still fits, including their school shoes and trainers. All children will be back in their regular school uniform, wearing their PE uniform only on PE days. Class teachers will let you know when those days are, before the children return.

Thank you to the parents who have completed the remote learning survey. This is open until tomorrow so please find the email from Saturday if you want to let me know your thoughts.

Finally, an update on the school being used as a polling station. The Head of Electoral Services has written to me and outlined why the school will be used as a polling station on 6th May. Despite asking for support from local councillors and our MP, nothing has changed. They have apparently considered other buildings in the past but have not found suitable premises. They also state that mobile polling stations are only sited where there is no other suitable public building and they will not do this here because of the presence of the school.

I have asked for a site meeting with someone from the council next week, where we will look at the school building and find a way to remain open even though it is being used for polling. The safety of everyone in school is my priority so please be assured that I am not going to agree to an open site with free access to the building for the day. I will let you know of the arrangements as soon as I can.

Kind regards,

Claire Prynne